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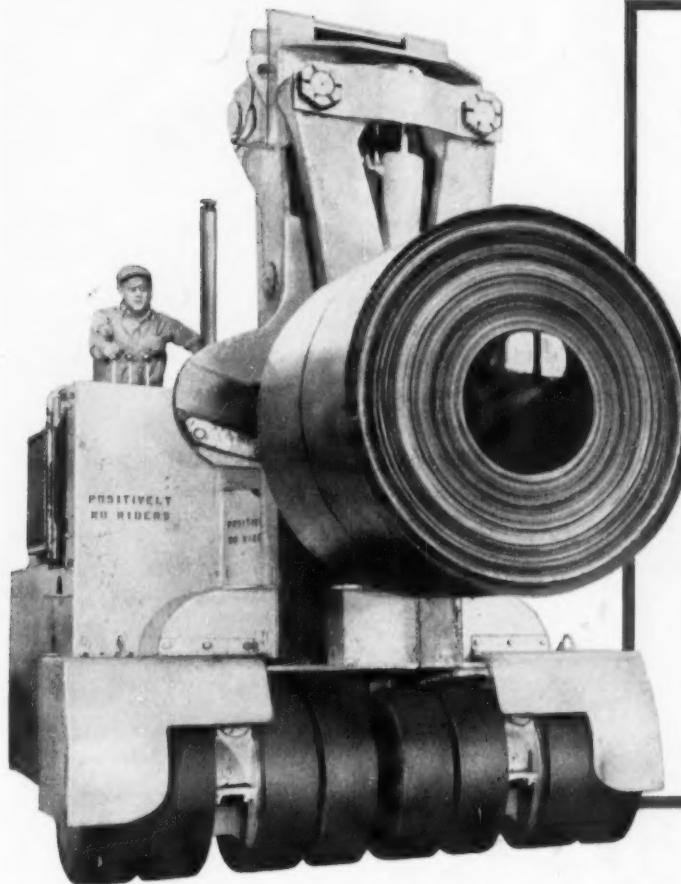
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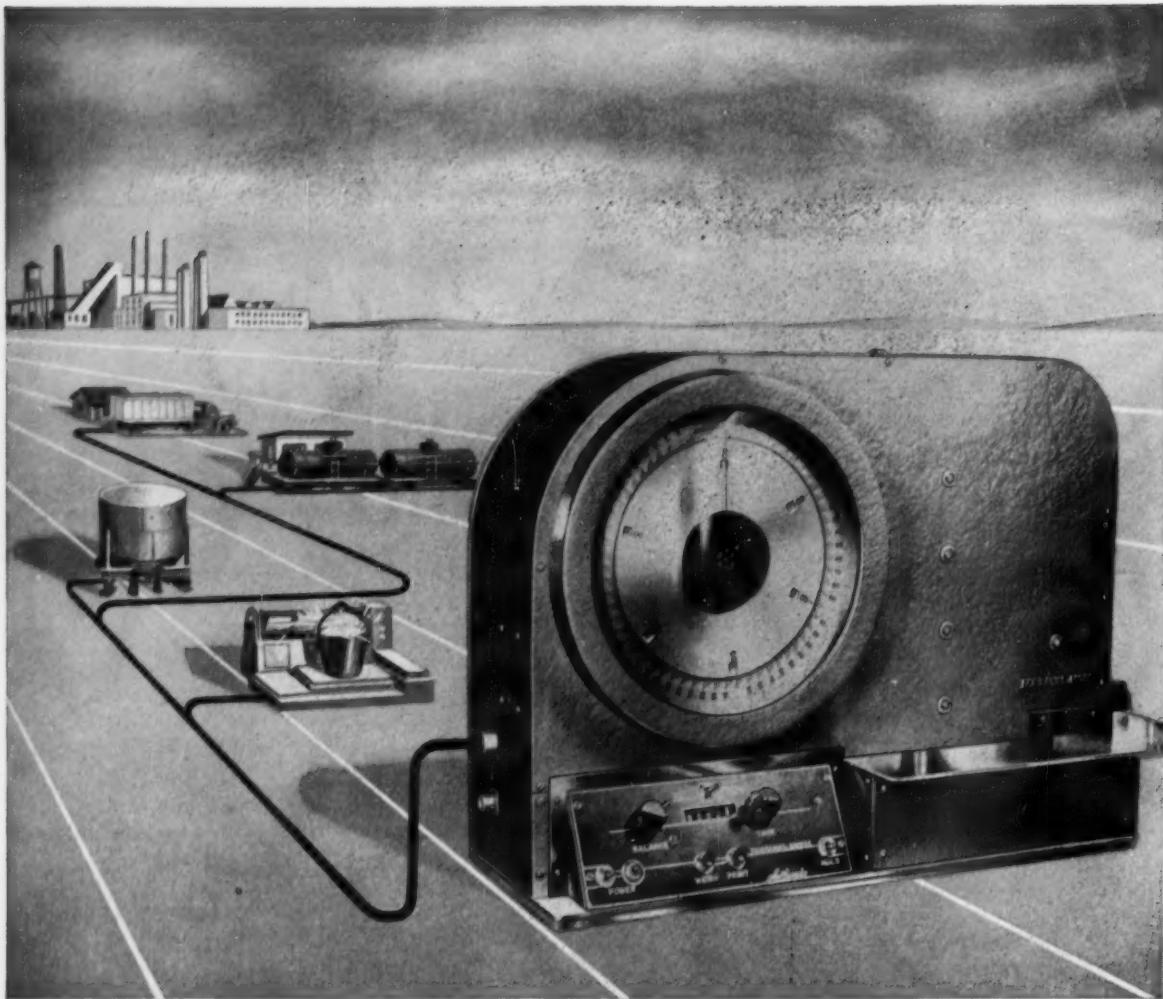
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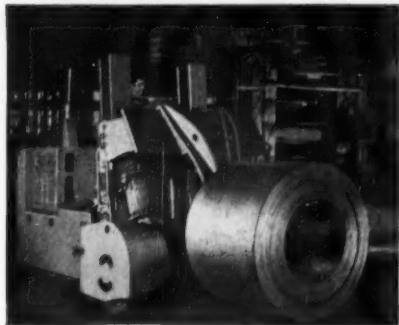
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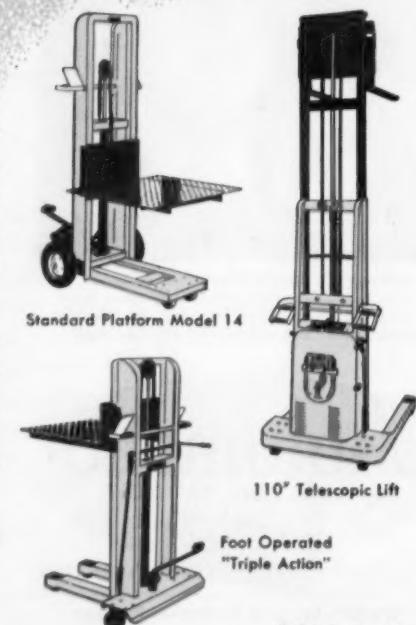
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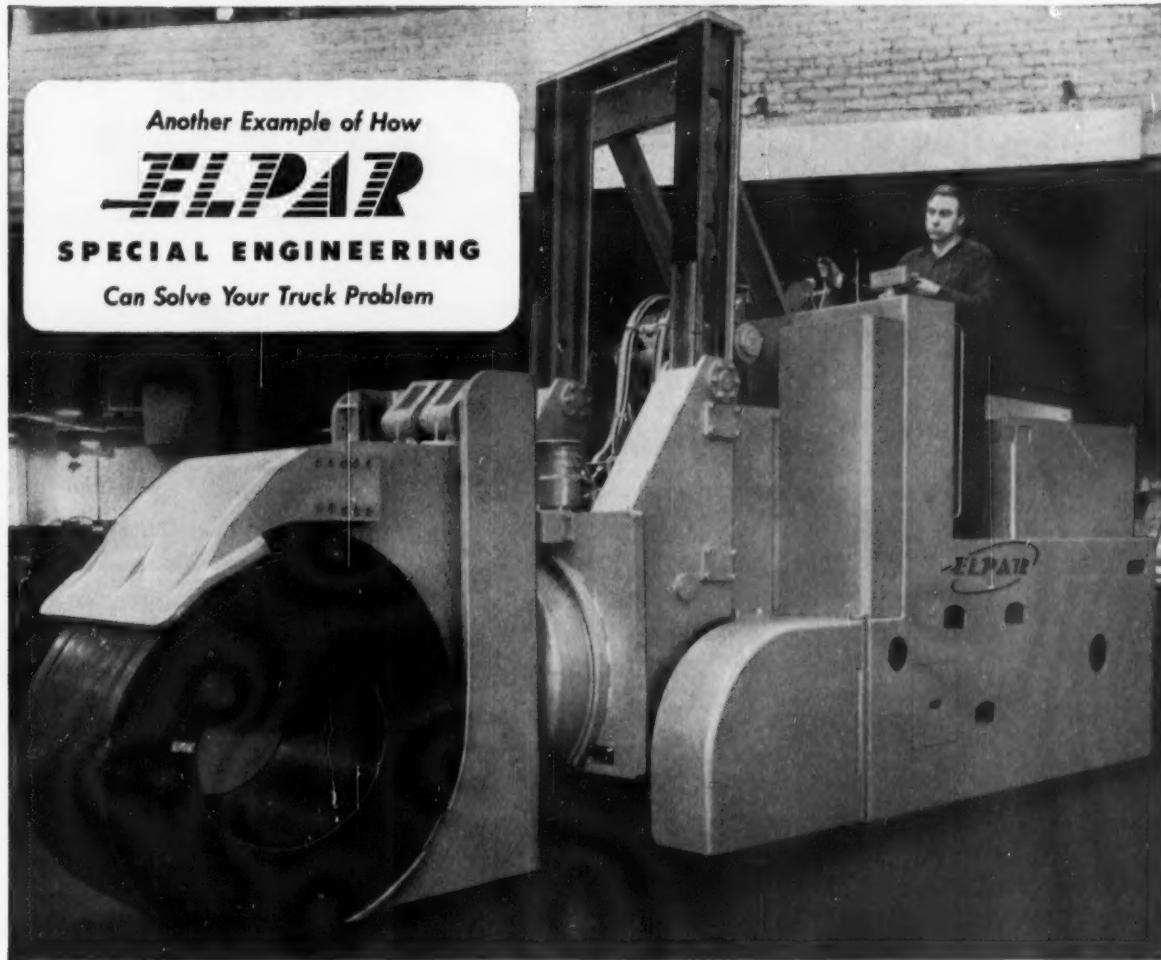
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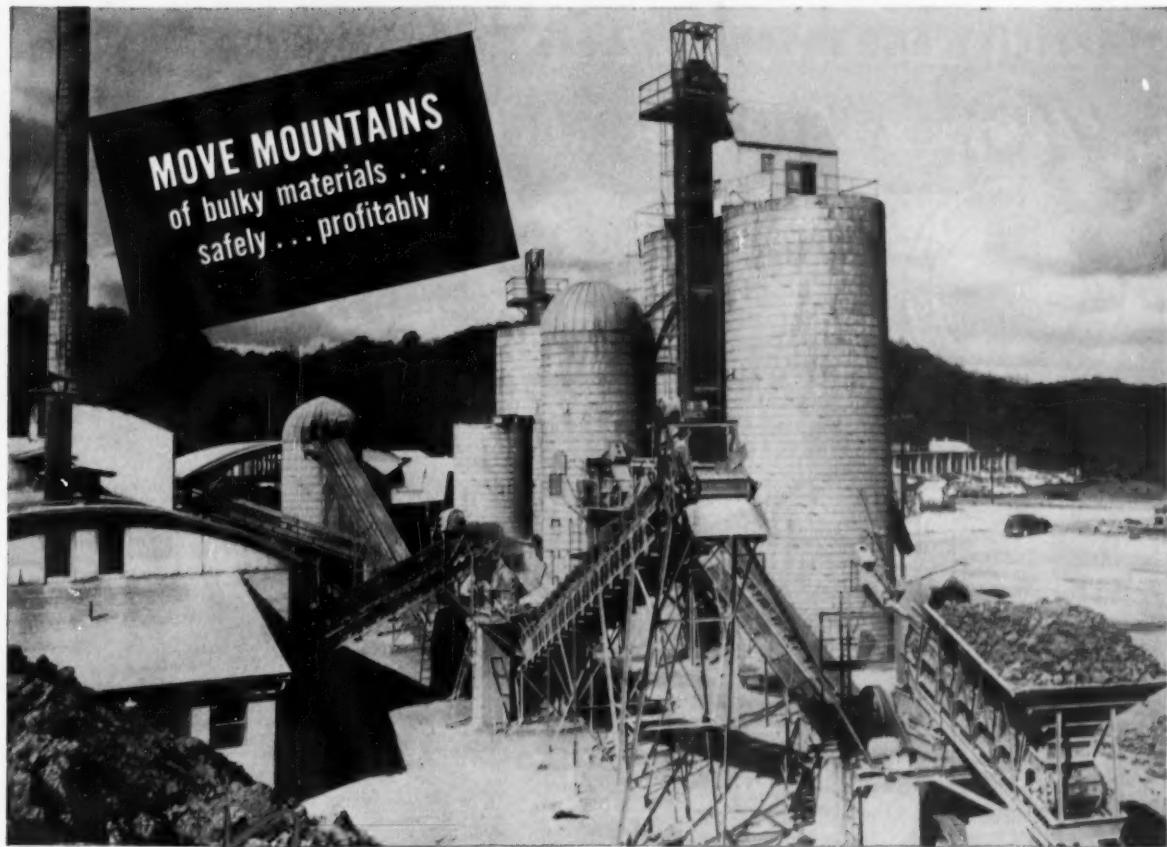
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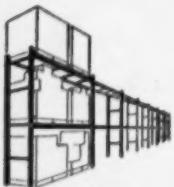
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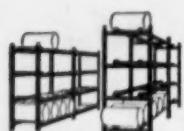
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**LETTERS**  
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**Wholesale Distribution**

To FLOW:

We were very interested in your article "Material Handling in a 'Best Managed' Firm" in the July issue of FLOW. We are presently considering the same type of distribution center as Eastman Kodak Company has adapted and it is surprising how parallel our thinking has been when compared with the system they have already put into use.

Inasmuch as we are in the planning stages on this project, we would like to get as much information as possible on what others have done along these lines. Could you supply us with the names of five or six firms who have established new distribution centers or warehouses with up-to-date handling and order picking techniques? We plan to contact these firms for possible tours through their facilities.

Donald T. Eyberg  
Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator  
Company  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

*The latest material handling methods for all types of wholesale operations will be featured in FLOW'S January issue. In the meantime, should any reader have information which would materially benefit Reader Eyberg, we're certain it will be well received.*

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To FLOW:

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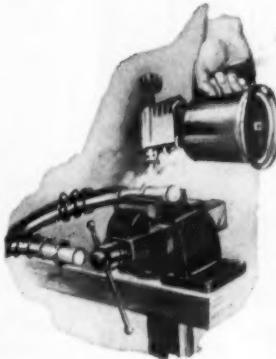


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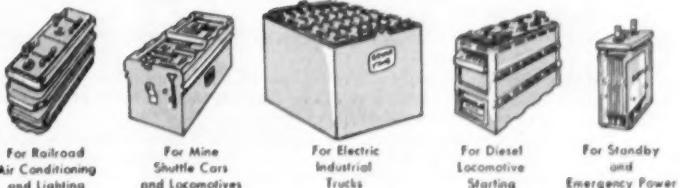
#### 3. Reassemble Terminal Lugs in Charging Plugs

In reassembling cables into plug, make sure that the negative wire is placed in the negative side and the positive wire in the positive side. If the terminal leads are reversed in reassembling, the battery will be placed on charge in reverse and badly damaged.



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I wonder if I might ask one favor. Mr. Leon Shloss, Director of Public Relations at Republic Aviation Corporation in Farmingdale, Long Island was instrumental in securing this photograph for us and I would appreciate it if you could send him a marked copy of your October issue. Your publication is good looking enough that I would like him to see the whole book as well as this particular page.

William Busse  
Revolator Company  
North Bergen, N. J.

*In the article referred to (October, page 87) FLOW saluted Revolator on its 50th anniversary, and showed the progress made from the days of the horse drawn wagon to the modern day jet.*

### Needed: More Durable Material

To FLOW:

In your June 1954 issue, page 72, you featured a very informative article entitled "Pump Handling Systems". We are producing the model 80 diaphragm pump in which we use various materials for the diaphragm, depending upon liquids pumped.

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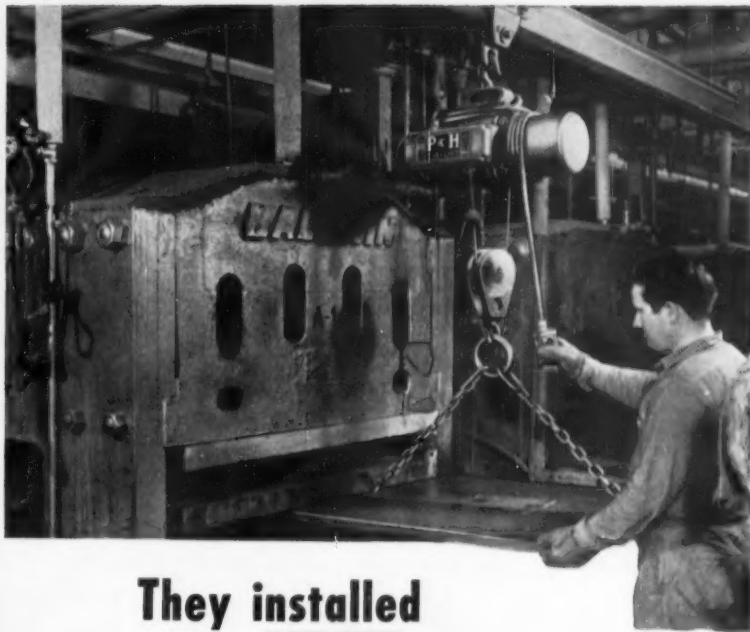
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## They installed brand-new P&H Electric Hoists

... and saved 100 times their operating cost the first year!

UP until 1940, W. H. Salisbury & Company in Chicago, manufacturers of molded, extruded, and cut rubber products, used chain blocks for lifting and moving material. Today, it uses 19 P&H Zip-Lift Wire Rope Hoists. "We've never had an accident with a P&H Zip-Lift Hoist," said a spokesman, "and they have proved to be economical in operation and highly efficient, as well as safe."

### Cost Only a Penny an Hour

Depreciation and interest on the \$300 cost of each 1,000-pound Zip-Lift amounts to \$26.00 a year. Maintenance expense is so low the company doesn't even bother to enter it as a cost. But, even adding the high cost of \$10 per year, total operating cost is only \$36.00 per year. This breaks down to \$3.00 per month—15¢ per day—or less than one cent an hour.

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One operation—lifting a mold plate and starting a new cycle on the molding machine—formerly took ten minutes. Today—thanks to a P&H Hoist—it takes five. This saves ten minutes per hour—\$3600 per year—exactly 100 times its cost of operation!

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Fill in the coupon below. We'll send you back a four-page, illustrated folder, giving all the details on the Salisbury saving. You'll get some ideas of your own out of it, too.

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## A New Addition to the Dempster-Dumpster System of Low Cost Bulk Materials Handling

Now you can have either of two types of Dempster-Dumpsters in the fastest, most efficient and lowest cost method of bulk materials handling ever devised.

IN THIS MODERN, low cost system, one truck-mounted Dempster-Dumpster picks up, hauls and empties, or sets down intact, one loaded detachable Dempster-Dumpster Container after another, regardless of design or size, handling bulk materials of practically every description.



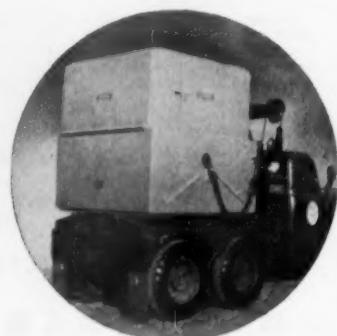
The new Dempster-Dumpster Type DTLF offers several desirable features along with all the economies provided by the Type LFW. These features include: (1) Improved load distribution with container carried in more forward position between wheel centers. (2) Extreme high dumping in cases where it is desired. (3) Vertical pick up of loaded container. (4) Container, loaded or empty, is always in horizontal plane in carrying position. Automatic locking device for positive rigidness of container while in carrying position is, of course, provided.

### TREMENDOUS SAVINGS WITH THE DEMPSTER-DUMPSTER SYSTEM HAVE BEEN PROVED BEYOND QUESTION.

One truck-mounted Dempster-Dumpster, operated by only one man, the driver, serves scores of containers of various capacities up to three times greater than the average dump truck. You eliminate trucks standing idle . . . eliminate re-handling of materials . . . eliminate loading crews. You increase efficiency, sanitation and good plant-keeping.

Containers range from 2 to 21 cu. yds. capacity for use with recommended type Dempster-Dumpsters. Each container is designed to suit the materials to be handled—be they trash, rubbish, liquids, dust, bulky, light or heavy. Many leading plants, in almost every type of industry, have found it indispensable after installation. Its proved savings alone justifies an investigation of its potential value in your plant now. Write to us today for complete information. Manufactured and sold exclusively by Dempster Brothers, Inc.

The photo at left illustrates the amazing ability of the Type DTLF Dempster-Dumpster for high dumping. The three photos below show the Pick Up, Haul and Dumping action, hydraulically controlled from cab.

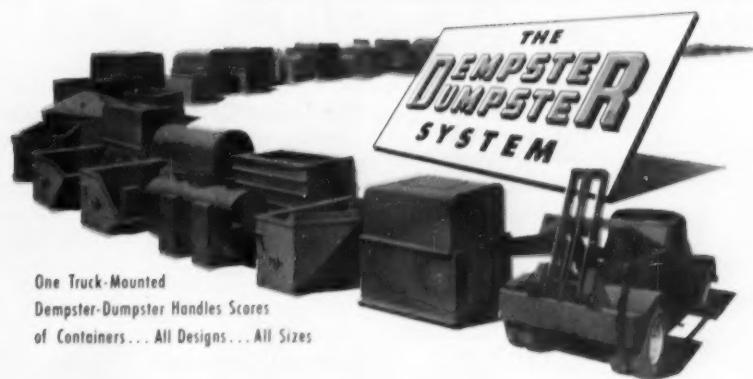


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Photo above shows the new Dempster-Dumpster Type DTLF dumping 8 cu. yds. of rubbish. At right you see the Type LFW with load in carrying position. Dempster-Dumpsters are available in capacities capable of handling up to 38,000 pound payloads.



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# NEWS VIEWS TRENDS

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## NOLAN ALIGNS WITH PHILLIPS

The line of dumps and car controllers formerly manufactured by Phillips Mine and Mill Supply Company, Pittsburgh, will be manufactured and marketed by The Nolan Company of Bowerston, Ohio, under an arrangement just concluded by the two companies. Nolan will assume all inventory, patterns, drawings, patents, etc. of Phillips, including the trade name.

## NEW POLICY FOR ALL STEEL

All Steel Welded Truck Company has confined its sales efforts and production to a complete line of wheels and casters and to specialized aluminum handling equipment for the rubber and baking industries. The change in manufacturing policy became effective October 25, and is expected to insure better customer service, reduce manufacturing costs, and allow the company to take care of the very large volume of business in the lines handled, according to Harry Clark, Jr.

## VERSABAR FORMS CORPORATION

The Versabar Division of M-H Standard Company has become a separate organization known as Versabar Corporation, with offices at 515 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. Officers of the new corporation are William E. Taylor, president, and Andrew Kornylak, vice president.

## G. E. PLANS WEST COAST CENTER

Plans for establishment of a new Communication Equipment Center in Redwood City, California were made known by General Electric Company. Harrison Van Aken, general manager of communication equipment, said the new facility is necessary to serve more adequately the greatly increased demand for General Electric two-way radio equipment in the western states. Plant manager will be Irvin H. Webster.

## COLSON BROADENS SCOPE

The Colson Corporation has entered into an agreement with Structo Company, Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario, which gives Colson exclusive manufacturing and distribution rights to introduce Structo products in the United States. The products include steel framework angles which are said to be strong and quickly constructed to form storage racks, work platforms and movable bins, plus a variety of other units.

## NATIONAL CONTAINER OPENS N. C. PLANT

National Container Corporation has officially opened its newest and most modern corrugated kraft paper converting plant in Salisbury, North Carolina. The 152,000 square foot plant will serve users in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.



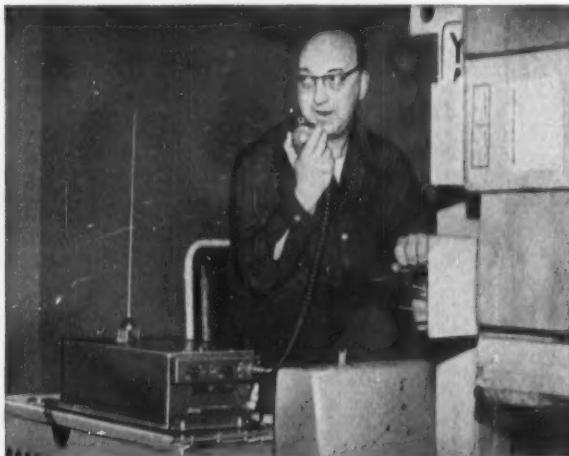
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**... supply keeps pace with production!**



**IN A SMALL PLANT** General Electric 2-way radio delivers a premium in vehicle performance. The number of payloads per hour increases . . . demurrage expense is cut way down.



**IN A LARGE PLANT** G-E industrial 2-way radio solves the problem of truck travel distance. Materials handling instructions can be acted on within seconds after their receipt.



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That one spoken word which links production units with material supply points does a big job *in every plant*. Radio takes the guesswork out of when raw material will arrive on the line. And, excess supplies can be located away from production machinery to achieve safer working conditions. Your radio equipped trucks will speed the flow of material between all departments . . . will always be "on call" to complete a rush order or emergency operation.

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POWRWORKER "26" Pallet Truck  
4000 and 6000 lbs. capacity

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EXPOSED IN 2 MINUTES ...**

Remove 4 bolts and slip off the one-piece cover; the complete hydraulic sub-assembly is exposed. Hydraulic motor, pump, oil reservoir, valve assembly and self-aligning cylinders are immediately accessible and ample space is provided for quick inspection or removal.

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Platform Truck  
4000 and 6000 lbs. capacity

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1500, 2000, 2500, and 3000 lbs. capacity

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*maintenance man sees this—*

# **POWRWORKER "26"\***

**The most "SERVICEABLE" truck ever built!**

Built for years of dependable service, the POWRWORKER is designed with the maintenance man in mind. No lubrication is necessary. Wheel bearings and drive motor bearings are sealed for life. Gear train, mounted on ball and roller bearings, operates in a totally enclosed bath of oil. Direct wiring between controls and motor eliminates the source of resistance. There are no commutators or long flexing wires, eliminating any chance of power loss and insuring maximum efficiency.

Every working part is completely and easily accessible. Either the hydraulic system or the power head can be uncovered separately, permitting service without further dis-assembly.

For all-round serviceability and operating efficiency, no truck on the market can match the POWRWORKER, the most compact and functional standard truck ever built. See your own local Clark dealer for further information or demonstration.

*compare these ACCESSIBILITY features*



#### **POWER HEAD READY-TO-WORK-ON IN 2 MINUTES . . .**

Split cover allows complete accessibility to the drive motor, brakes, resistor and control panel by merely removing 7 screws. Revolving head permits servicing any side of the power head without further dis-assembly. For major overhaul, the whole unit can be removed in 17 minutes.



#### **CHANGE DRIVE TIRE IN 12 MINUTES . . .**

Standard Press-on type demountable tire is furnished as original equipment. Raise the truck 12 inches and loosen spanner nut which releases the axle shaft and the wheel drops out. Split wheel rim with spreader inserts allow immediate tire dis-assembly and re-assembly.



#### **SERVICE BONUS—POWER UNIT REMOVED IN 17 MINUTES . . .**

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Industrial Truck Division  
CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
Battle Creek 13, Michigan

**CLARK**  
**EQUIPMENT**

### **TOWMOTOR CORP. ENLARGES PLANT**

Future plans of Towmotor Corporation are centered around a new plant designed to streamline production facilities, according to C. Edgar Smith, president. Designed to add 155,000 square feet of space, Towmotor's new Cleveland plant will permit centralizing of departments, and will also make space available in existing buildings for expanding research and development activities.

### **THEW CONTROLS DIXIE CRANE**

Arrangements were recently completed by Thew Shovel Company for purchase of the controlling stock of Dixie Crane & Shovel Company, Inc. Acquisition of control was made so that Thew might participate in the low-cost crawler and rubber tire mounted,  $\frac{3}{8}$  yard, 6-ton shovel-crane market, according to C. B. Smythe, president. The manufacture, distribution and trade-name of Dixie Crane will remain unchanged.

### **OLD TIMER HAS NEW LOOK**

The 78 year old Harrington Company expects its new plant to make possible a 30 to 50 percent increase in production by compressing manufacturing facilities into little more than half the space formerly occupied. The \$250,000.00 single story structure is located at Plymouth Meeting on the Delaware River Extension of the Pennsylvania turnpike. Peerless hoists are among other material handling equipment manufactured by the firm.

### **JONES & LAUGHLIN TEXAS BOUND AGAIN**

Plans for construction of a new Container Division plant and office in West Port Arthur, Texas, were announced by Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh. The new building, which will be about 38,000 square feet in size, will be located on the same property as J&L's present plant.

### **QUAKER COMPLETES NEW WAREHOUSE**

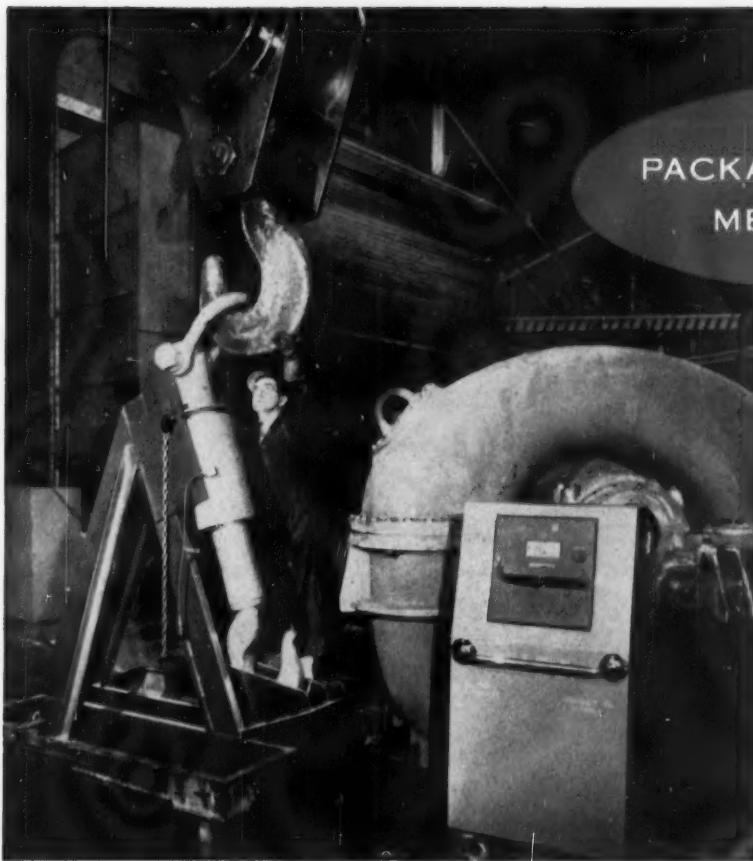
A 16,000 square foot warehouse has been completed by Quaker Rubber Corporation, Division of H. K. Porter Company, Inc., Philadelphia. The new building will double present factory warehouse space and will include a hose processing department and additional shipping facilities, according to G. A. Dauphinais, vice president and general manager. It is constructed of prefabricated structural steel and cinder block.

### **LAMSON ENTERS ATOMIC FIELD**

A new department has been established at Lamson Corporation which will specialize in the manufacture of mechanical accessories necessary for the control and operation of atomic energy power plants of all types. The 74 year old company presently manufactures conveyors and allied equipment. Ross Atkinson, a 16 year company employee, will head the new department.

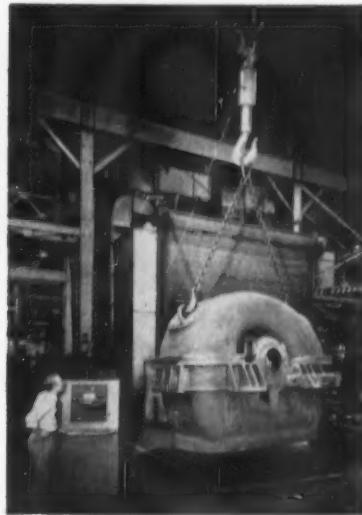
### **ARKANSAS PALLET OPENS NEW OFFICE**

A new office has been opened in Chicago by Arkansas Pallet Company. Located at 8 South Michigan Avenue, the company says the new facility has been initiated in order to give better service to customers in the Chicago area. The office will be headed by R. D. "Bill" Jones who is well known and experienced in the material handling field.



PACKAGED PRECISION  
MEASUREMENT

Weight is measured in SR-4 crane scale in swivel hook (shown resting in cradle at left) and weight is indicated remotely on mobile indicator (right foreground in picture at left). Photograph below shows actual weighing operation.



**A leading manufacturer of electrical equipment cuts weighing costs by 12% with accurate, remote-indicating SR-4® Crane Scale**

At a leading manufacturing company of electrical equipment, a Baldwin SR-4 Crane Scale has decreased annual weighing costs by 12%. The crane scale is used to weigh accurately huge turbines, generators and propulsion gears while they are being moved on 50 ton capacity cranes. Accurate weight measurement is important information for planning shipment of the equipment and its installation at the eventual site of operation.

This company's materials handling section found their SR-4 Crane Scale gave them these five important, cost-

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1. *Greater Accuracy*—The SR-4 Crane Scale has been tested for accuracy of 0.2 percent measuring loads from 850 lbs. to 34 tons.
2. *Greater Capacity*—The SR-4 unit can weigh anything up to the limits of the 50 ton cranes on which it is used.
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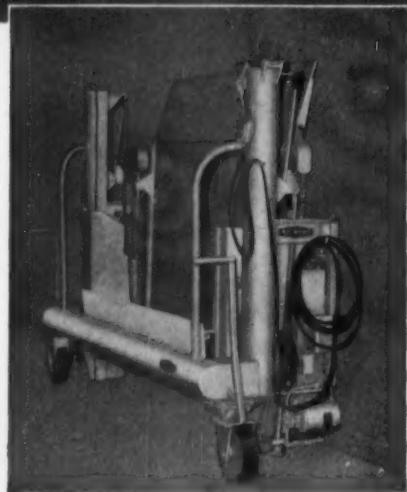


1. Incoming shipment is drawn from motor truck onto Porta-Dock's elevating platform by hand truck.

• **THIS PORTABLE DOCK** handles loads weighing up to 6,000 lbs., elevates from the floor up to 56 5/16". Powered by a 1 1/2 HP motor-driven hydraulic pumping unit which plugs into any convenient outlet. Also available battery powered. Has push button elevating and lowering controls that can be operated from floor or platform. The unit may be used indoors or outdoors, folds compactly for storage when not in use.

PortaDock folds up compactly for storage so that it may be rolled out of the way when not in use.

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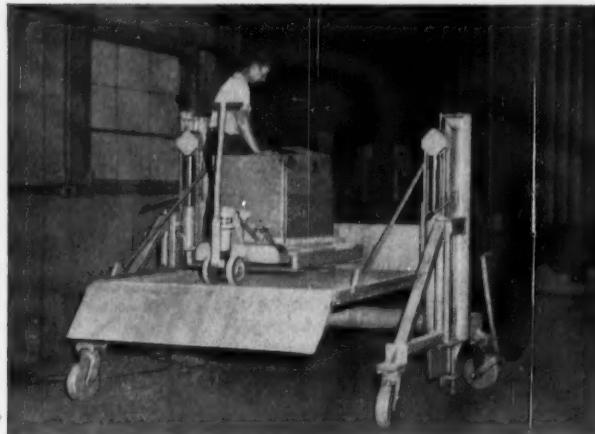


# unloads trucks at ground level —no loading docks needed!

## GOOD NEWS...

Now you can load and unload motor trucks from ground level with the RAYMOND PortaDock. This new portable dock actually eliminates the need for permanent loading docks, elevators or truck wells. Ideal for use by factories, warehouses, wholesale distributors, retail stores.

RAYMOND PortaDock rolls easily right up to the tailgate of any over-the-road truck. An industrial truck is then run onto elevating platform and raised to the level of the motor truck bed. Unit loads are transferred to the elevating platform, lowered to the floor and transported to production or storage.



**2.** Hand truck and load being lowered to floor by hydraulic-operated PortaDock.

**3.** Incoming load is taken off PortaDock for transporting to production or storage area.

**WRITE FOR BULLETIN** describing the new RAYMOND PortaDock—it gives you full details. Fill in and mail the coupon now.

### The RAYMOND CORPORATION

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ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS  
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## Fast-working 12 cu. ft. Auto-Scoop Packs more "muscle," moves heavier loads

### "Plants its front feet" to give positive traction, full bites

Now you can step up one-man bulk handling as much as 20% per load. The Load-Plus Auto-Scoop combines greater power (33 hp @ 1800 rpm) with heavy-duty construction and effortless hydraulic functioning...insures ample capacity for easy moving of 1200 lb. loads (up to 200 lbs. more than comparable scoop loaders).

Along with this extra capacity you get maximum stability and traction. Boom arms crowd the bucket forward as it rises. Pressure against the bucket applies downward pressure on the big driving wheels. The heavier the load being dug or carried, the more it increases traction.

Even stubborn materials yield quickly to Auto-Scoop action...without excessive traction crowding. Operator can retract his

bucket, independently of hoisting, even at ground level. This low bucket tilt-back action enables him to work materials into bucket before hoisting boom arms, thus increasing traction right at the start.

Low tilt-back also facilitates loading small piles, windrows and loose parts, whereby operator can actually flip the load into the bucket, and permits carrying full bucket as low as 4½" above ground.

Specifically designed for most efficient scoop loader operation, the Auto-Scoop also offers shortest turning radius (6'6"), faster speeds (to 13.88 mph in reverse, 7.66 forward), higher clearance (4'6" under lip, 6'8" under hinge) and other time-saving features. Write for Catalog L12-4 and name of distributor who sells or services the Auto-Scoop in your city.

(Comparative performance based on well-known scoop loaders now in the field).

For bigger work, Jaeger offers the 1 cu. yd. Load-Plus, with torque converter, power steering and either front-wheel or 4-wheel drive.

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### JAEGER LOAD-PLUS *auto-scoop*

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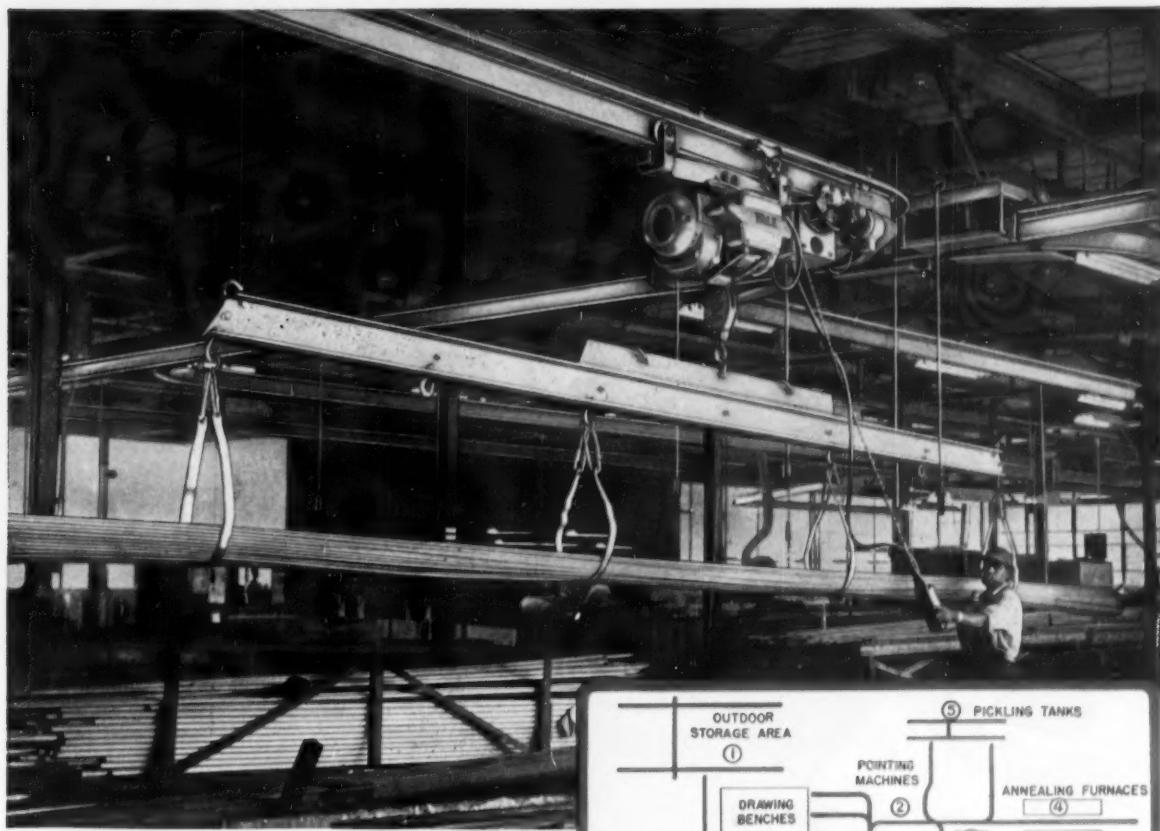


Power to load stubborn materials, such as super-phosphate. Pressure on rising bucket increases tractive capacity.



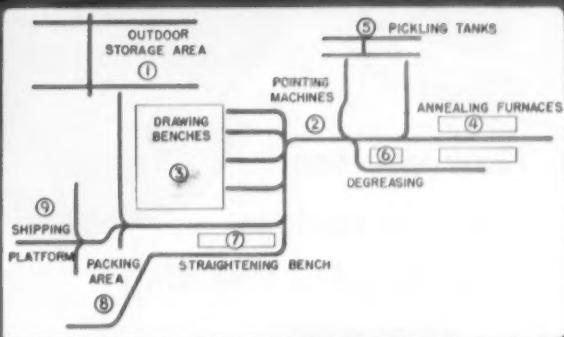
Easily handles full loads to 1200 lbs. at all dumping heights and positions. All operations of boom arms and bucket are under finger-tip hydraulic control.

# You can do it better with Louden engineered monorail!



## Hard-to-handle materials or shapes? Let Louden's long experience lick it.

Louden pioneered monorail handling. This longest and broadest experience with this most adaptable and most flexible of all materials handling methods naturally offers many *extra* benefits to men seeking answers to any handling problems. Shown above is part of a Louden SuperTrack System in a well-known eastern factory where a Louden MotoVeyor makes easy work of the speedy handling of long, flexible, easily-damaged tubing. The hoist has 2,000 pounds capacity and the MotoVeyor travels at 125 feet per minute. This Louden Monorail System



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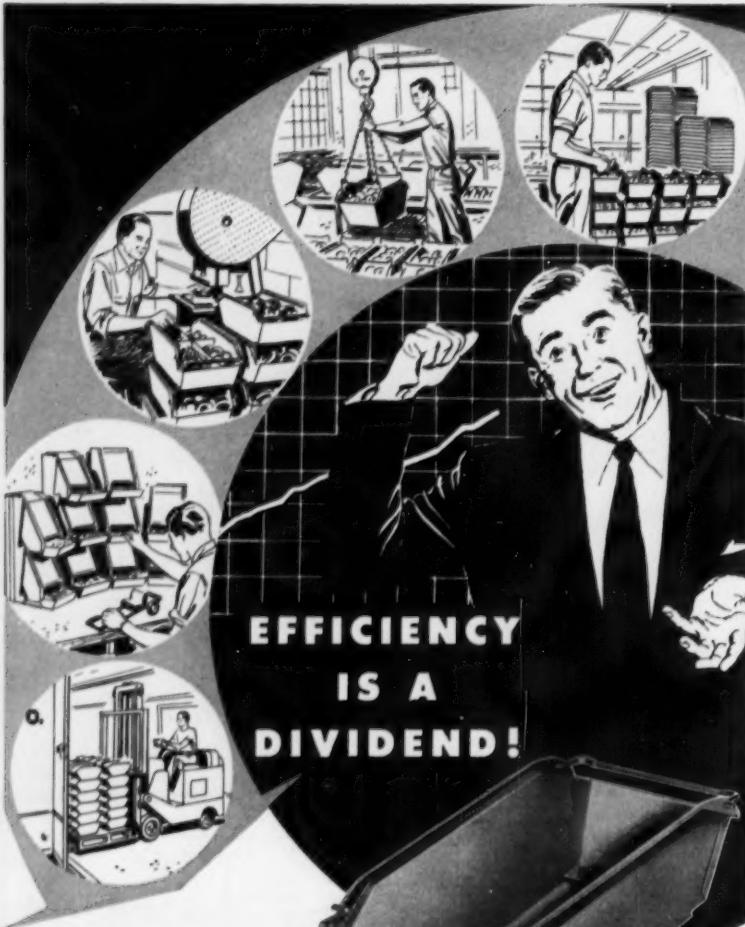


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. . . at "Shaw-Box" Crane & Hoist Division, Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc.

**G. A. Andree**, who has served the company for 24 years, has been named general sales manager. After diversified experience in the engineering, advertising and estimating departments, he entered the field sales organization and in 1948 was transferred to Muskegon, Michigan as assistant general sales manager. He was most recently director of engineered crane sales.



**G. A. Andree**

. . . at Insul-8-Corporation

A veteran with more than 15 years experience in the crane and monorail industry, **C. J. Mayo**, has been named general sales manager. He most recently had charge of western Tram-beam sales for Whiting Corporation.



. . . at Package Machinery Company

**Lewis A. Curtis** was promoted to staff sales manager and transferred to the company's home office in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. **Ernest A. Hjelm** succeeds Curtis as New York sales manager.

. . . at American Tractor Corporation

**C. F. Rogers** has been employed as general sales manager to set up a sales organization new to the tractor indus-

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# We can CUT your Bulk Material Handling Cost



**SEE** how the smooth-operating HYDRAULIC TORQUE CONVERTER DRIVE speeds loading — no butting or ramming, no engine stalling. No clutching either — operator crowds steadily into pile using only the foot throttle and bucket control levers. Wheel spin is practically eliminated, tire wear greatly reduced. Bucket action is snappy at all times because speed of engine and hydraulic pump remain constant.

**SEE** how the specially designed CLUTCH-TYPE TRANSMISSION eliminates most shifting. You simply

**Added Versatility** Standard bucket is quickly interchangeable with Lift Fork, Crane Hook, Dozer Blade or a 1 1/2-yd. Light Materials Bucket. Each conversion adds to usefulness of the TL-10.



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**TL-10**  
**TRACTOLOADER**

push a lever to go forward,  
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**SEE** how easy it is to maneuver the TL-10. Bucket over drive wheels utilizes weight of load for greater traction . . . eases weight on rear steering wheels. Turning radius is only 11 ft. at tip of bucket . . . works in areas that would normally accommodate only lower capacity machines. You can turn from a 9-ft. aisle into a 10-ft. bin!

Only by watching the TL-10 work can you fully realize the great savings you can make on bulk material handling. Let us arrange a demonstration NOW! Wire, write or call.

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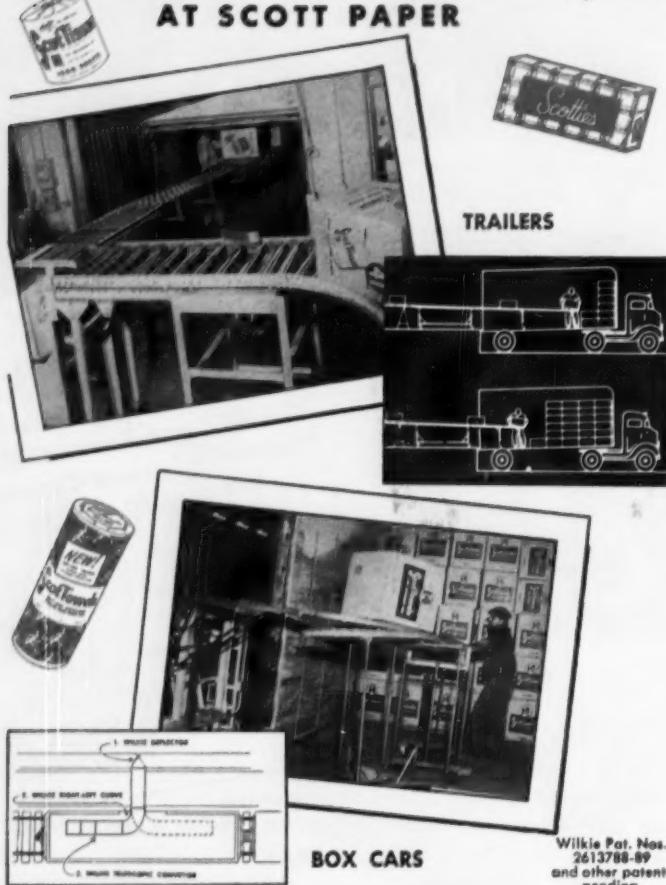
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# WILKIE conveyors with new FLOP-OVER curve cut loading time

AT SCOTT PAPER



Cases leave the permanently installed conveyor system at Scott Paper Company's new modern Chester, Pa., warehouse and move onto Wilkie equipment to reduce "carry-time" to a minimum.

#### FOR TRAILER LOADING

Wilkie Telescopic Conveyors, placed inside the trailer, carry the load to the stacking point. As the trailer fills up, the Wilkie telescopes back so that cases are conveyor carried.

#### FOR BOX CAR LOADING

Coupled with Wilkie's new Flop Over Curve, the Wilkie Telescopic Conveyor carries Scott cases to the empty end of the box car. As that end fills, the telescopic conveyor is shortened until the center door is reached.

The Flop Over Curve is then reversed—in a matter of seconds—because no adjustments are necessary. The other end of the car is then filled by the same procedure. Cases are conveyor carried to the stacking position.

As a result of this fluid method, the number of cases handled has been increased and trailers and box cars are loaded in considerably less time than formerly required.

*Apply these savings to your loading operation. For complete information, write Wilkie Company, 5520 Arch Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa.*

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try. The plan includes a state-wide distributor plus local dealers located in each important trading area.

... at Thomas Truck & Caster Co.

C. Parke Anderson was appointed sales manager of Thomas' newly acquired division, The Lanham Skid Company, with offices in Keokuk, Iowa. He was formerly assistant sales manager of Thomas, with whom he has been associated since 1943.



**C. P. Anderson**

... at Electric Storage Battery Co.

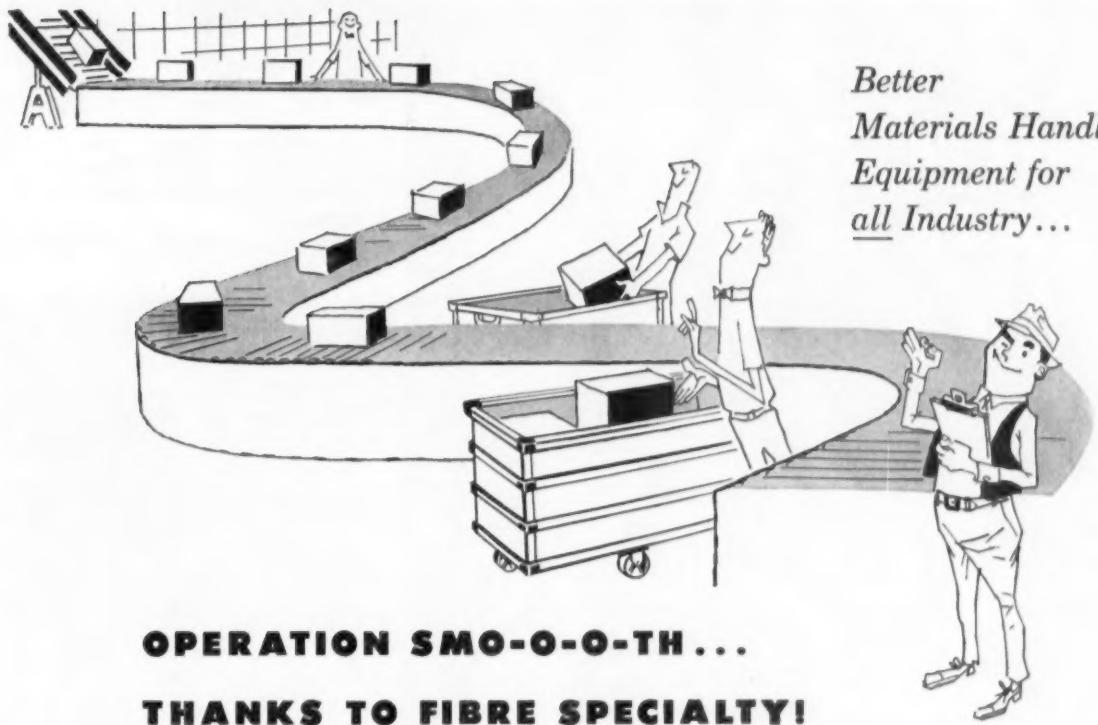
Promotion of two sales executives has been announced by the Exide Industrial Division. Charles H. Leet, Pittsburgh branch manager since 1949, has been transferred to the firm's larger Chicago office as assistant branch sales manager. R. L. Kegg, formerly branch sales engineer at Pittsburgh, succeeds Leet as branch sales manager there.

... at Chrysler Corporation

Vice president of sales of the Marine and Industrial Engine Division is Clyde C. Williams. He has served the company for 26 years in various capacities, the most recent of which was general manager of the division.

... at Morse Chain Company

Election of Frank M. Hawley as chairman of the board and Stanley J. Roush as president



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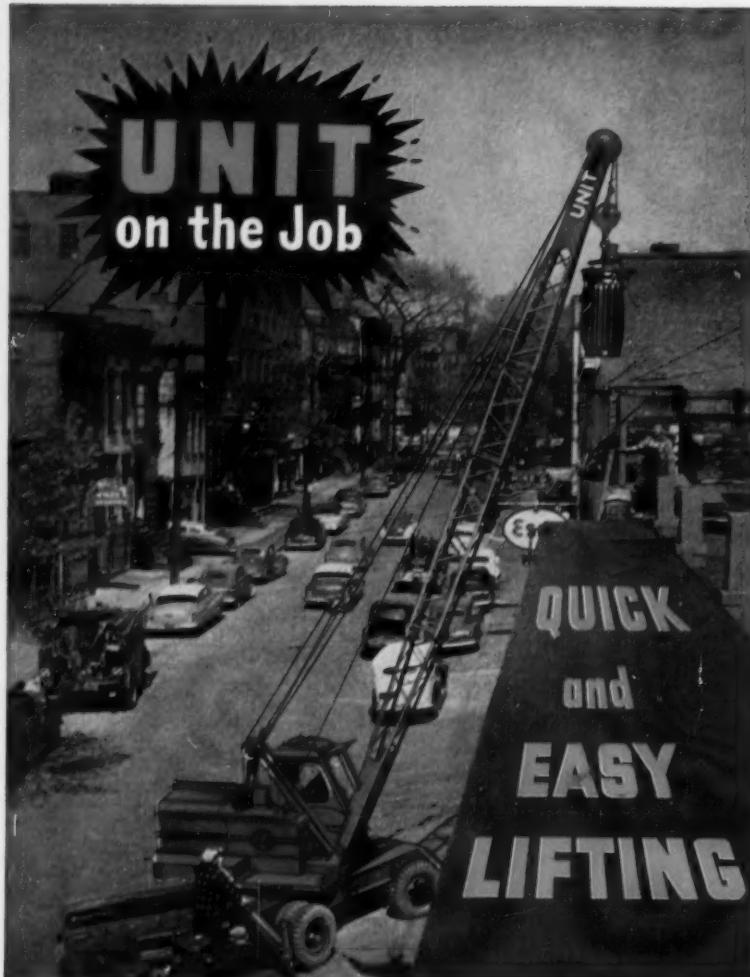
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## MEN IN THE NEWS

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and general manager was announced by Roy C. Ingersoll, president of Borg-Warner Corporation.

. . . at Wayne Crane Division, American Steel Dredge Co., Inc.

New sales manager is Felix Sweeney, according to an announcement from Don L. Douglass, vice president and manager of product sales. Prior to this appointment, Sweeney was eastern district sales representative, and before that represented Wayne Crane in the midwest district.



. . . at Conco Engineering Works

The board of directors announced the appointment of R. A. Hossinger and H. J. Kettleborough as vice presidents to succeed O. J. Ellingen and W. G. Van Etten, both deceased.

. . . at the Timken Roller Bearing Co.

Gilbert Haller Turner, director of industrial relations since 1948, died October 9, at the age of 48. He had been a Timken employee for 26 years, and handled the firm's labor negotiations for more than a decade before assuming the industrial relations post.

. . . at Caterpillar Tractor Company

Election of Charles A. Woodley as vice president and appointment of Lloyd J. Ely as manager of the Peoria plant was announced.

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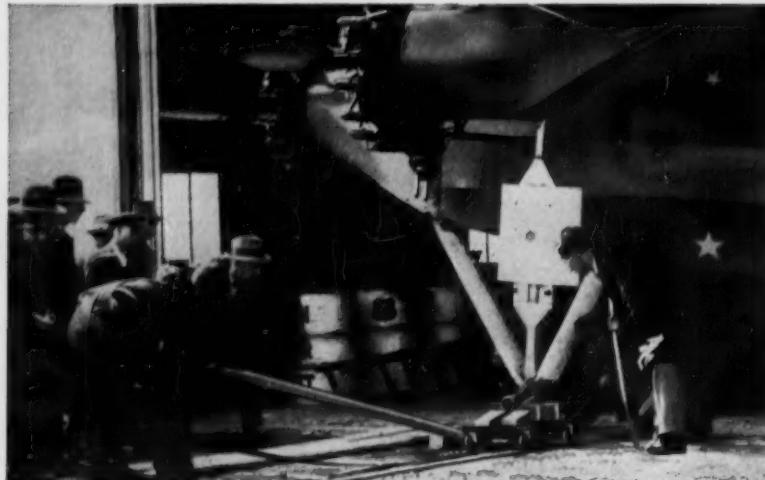
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## From "Southern Cross" to B-36-- Bassick takes over on the ground

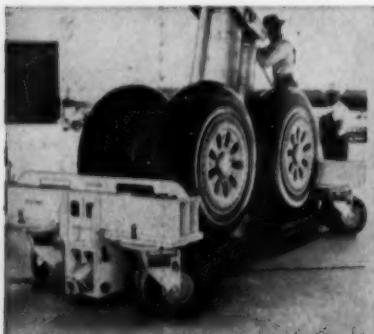


"Southern Cross," standing on dollies equipped with Bassick casters, gets once-over from Australian pilot Kingsford-Smith (right).

### Flying the big ocean

In early June, 1928, the 3-engine "Southern Cross", piloted by Kingsford-Smith, made the world's first trans-Pacific flight from San Francisco to Brisbane, Australia.

Proven conventional Bassick casters were selected for pre-flight handling of the "Southern Cross". Today Bassick casters are specifically designed to meet exacting requirements for safe efficient handling of modern aircraft.



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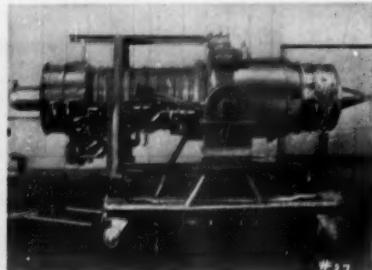
Another Convair-built 6-engine B-36 takes off.

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Convair of Fort Worth, Texas, chose Bassick to produce the highly specialized dual 18" wheel "Floating-Hub" shock-absorbing caster for their B-36 handling dollies. These 675-pound giants have an operational load rating of 20,000 pounds each yet permit easy, precise handling of these huge Air Force bombers in production. Bassick's "Floating-Hub" shock absorbing casters help preclude airframe damage during assembly by eliminating winding stress, shock and vibration due to dolly handling—write for "Floating-Hub" catalog FH-53.

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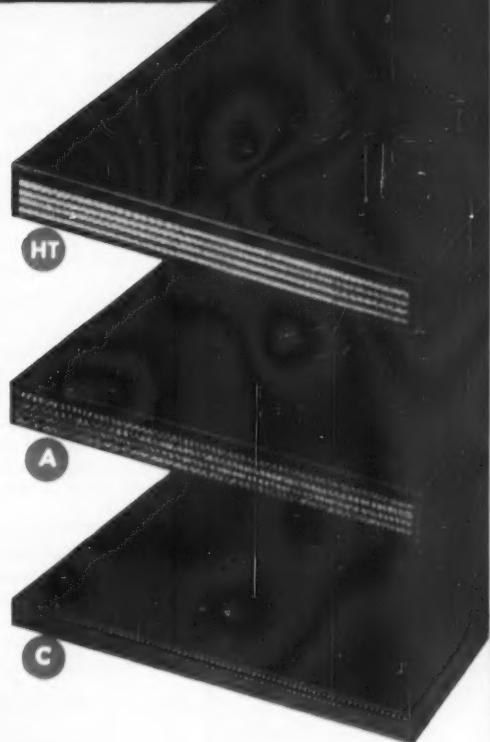
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• F. O. Schuster, chief engineer of the material handling division of the Buda Company, recently told the National Conference on Industrial Hydraulics that fluid power developments will be responsible for many future advances in the material handling field. Schuster said advances in hydraulics are making the modern lift truck almost a jack-of-all trades.

• Sixteen men were elevated to the rank of Fellow of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, making a total of approximately 400 to receive the honor, out of a total membership of nearly 40,000. To be qualified as a nominee to the rank of Fellow, one must be an engineer with acknowledged engineering attainment, 25 years of active practice in the profession of engineering or teaching of engineering in a school of accepted standing, and a member of the Society for at least 13 years.

• "Recent Developments in Packaging" were discussed by qualified engineers before the Society of Industrial Packaging and Materials Handling Engineers, Milwaukee Chapter. Examples of the latest developments and techniques in the industry were given.

• A joint meeting of the American Material Handling Society and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held in Detroit on October 7. A coffee talk was presented by Wally Weber, freshman coach of the University of Michigan, and films of the

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We have no particular cause to champion and do not attempt to take sides or promote the use of one fuel over the other. As you know, we manufacture all types of internal combustion engines to operate on any fuel that is readily available. (Natural gas, L.P. Gas, kerosene, diesel fuel, gasoline, etc.)

The basic Hercules gasoline engines are adapted by minor changes to operate on different spark-ignition fuels. The Hercules diesel engines are compression ignited — specifically designed for operation on diesel fuel.

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Army-Michigan game were shown. Principal speaker was E. H. Van Wagner of General Motors, whose subject was a trip to the U. S. Air Bases in Alaska.

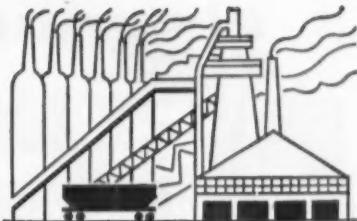
• "Economic Considerations in Selecting Materials Handling Equipment" was the title of a speech recently presented before the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Material Handling Society. The speaker was Howard S. Clark of duPont, whose paper won the Wunsch Award in June 1953.

• Recent speakers before the Indianapolis Chapter of the Society of Industrial Packaging and Material Handling Engineers were E. F. Gerber of American Air Lines, and John B. Ellor of Lamson Corporation. Gerber talked on "Air Freight Packaging In Unit Loads", and Ellor spoke on "Conveyors That Pay Dividends". C. F. Murphey of Inland Container Corporation will deliver the December address: "The Little Brown Jug".

• More than 380 personnel in the shipping container industry have completed the training course offered by the Wirebound Box Manufacturers Association, qualifying them as "Wirebound Engineers". The course is directed by Harry A. Wolsdorf of Package Research Laboratory at Rockaway, New Jersey and E. F. Gallivan of W.B.M.A. Chicago headquarters.

• A plant visit to Northern Electric Co. Ltd., Wire and Cable Division, is scheduled December 1 by the Montreal Chapter of the American Material Handling Society. The January 12 meeting will cover the material handling program at RCA, with Norman B. Shikes as speaker.

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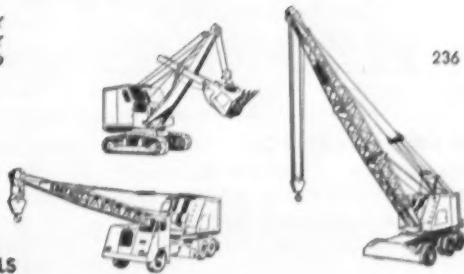
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### November 28-December 3

American Society of Mechanical Engineers,  
Annual Meeting,  
Statler Hotel,  
New York, N. Y.

### November 29-December 1

American Management Association,  
Orientation Seminar,  
330 West 42nd Street,  
New York, N. Y.

### December 2-7

21st National Power Show,  
Commercial Museum,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

### December 13-14

Material Handling Institute,  
Statler Hotel,  
New York, N. Y.

### January 11-28

7th Institute of Industrial Transportation and Traffic Management,  
The American University,  
School of Social Sciences and Public Affairs,  
1901 F Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D. C.

### January 20

3rd Canadian Package Design Forum,  
Toronto, Canada

### January 24-27

American Management Association,  
General Management Conference,  
Statler Hotel,  
Los Angeles, California

### January 24-27

Plant Maintenance and Engineering Show,  
International Amphitheatre,  
Chicago, Illinois

### February 8-9

National Wholesale Distribution Clinic and Exposition,  
The Shoreham Hotel,  
Washington, D. C.

### February 15

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New bucket handles a big 1 1/4-yd load — streamlined design now helps roll in large loads with less tractor effort. The back of the bucket has been brought forward and the sides extended to cut spillage, put more payload where it's wanted.

### 2. Helps the Operator Do More

Cleaner dumping with the new bucket saves the operator time and effort shaking out loads.

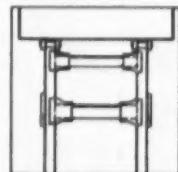
For added versatility, there is a two-position bucket available with both standard automatic return to digging position and operator-controlled tip-back. If the operator chooses to use the controlled tip-back, he can load the bucket, then tip it back approximately 25° before raising, assuring maximum output under special conditions such as downhill loading or loading loose materials.

The HD-5G helps the operator do more in other ways, too — giving him full vision, fast and easy control, cleaner platform and more comfortable seat from

which to work, and more working time with truck wheels, support rollers and idlers that need greasing only once every 1,000 hours.

### 3. Works at Lower Cost

The HD-5G now works at even lower cost than ever before — not just because it *does more*, but because it has features that mean *less maintenance, longer life*. For instance, new type tubular bracing on the bucket booms provides added strength and support, keeps the bucket in line. The floor at the rear of the new bucket has been raised seven degrees to reduce wear on the bottom sheet. Heavy-duty truck wheels and idlers are available for particularly tough working conditions. One-piece, full-length main frame permits unit construction so that major assemblies can be removed without disturbing adjacent units, putting tractor back on the job in hours rather than days.



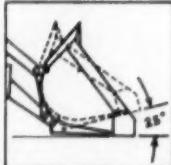
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### Combination Battery & Charger

A battery with a permanently mounted charger has been designed by K-W Battery Company for use with walkie type lift trucks. The battery remains on the truck and can be given a boost whenever truck is not in operation. It can be charged by plugging into any 110 volt, 60 cycle outlet, and charger may be left on without damage to the battery. It is not necessary to disconnect battery from the truck since charger is permanently connected to the terminals.

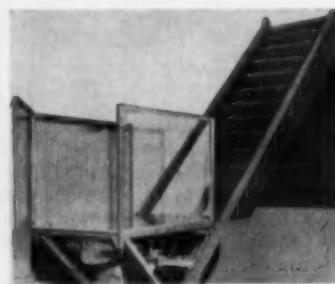
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### Bulk Storage Rack

A rack with long-span shelves of unusually high load capacity is offered by The Frick-Gallagher Manufacturing Co. for storage of heavy machine parts, dies, equipment or heavy material. Width of shelves between supporting angle posts is six feet. Each of the three steel shelves, which are adjusted vertically on six inch centers, has a rated capacity of 1500 pounds. Heights are from six to nine feet, and depths 18, 24 and 30 inches.

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### Easily Installed Elevator

An elevator which can be easily installed over any existing stairway or bolted to any side wall has been designed by Charley Bros. Mfg. Co. It is equipped with modern safety devices, and will operate on any available electric current at speeds up to 60 fpm. All push buttons and controls operate on a low voltage system. Called the Cargo Lift, it comes in three standard sizes of 500, 1000 and 2000 pounds, and its low initial cost is an outstanding feature.

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### All-Weather Cab

A molded steel, all-weather cab is being marketed by the Construction Machinery Division of Clark Equipment Company, which may be installed on all models of Michigan Tractor Shovels. Designed for easy field installation, the heavy-duty cab has all around and overhead vision through safety glass windows set in rubber molding. The rear section, which has sliding windows, rolls freely on track and can be removed in five minutes. A windshield wiper is standard equipment and a heater and defroster unit is optional.

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turn to neutral applies brakes). Rider has unimpaired visibility at all times — backwards or forwards — and "dead-man" brakes are an important extra safety factor. Six horsepower gasoline engine provides plenty of power for rugged, round-the-clock operation.

### Other Cost-Saving Olson Materials-Handling Products

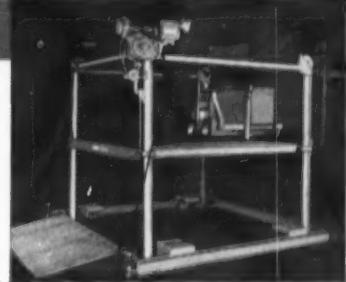
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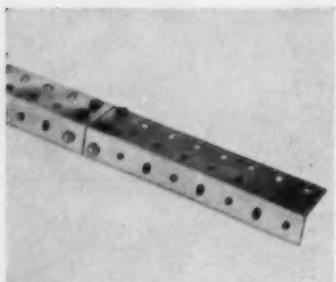
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## WHAT'S NEW IN EQUIPMENT

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### A New Angle

Colson Corporation is marketing Structo angle steel bars which can be assembled easily to form sturdy storage racks, work platforms, scaffolding, movable bins and a variety of other units. The angles can be used either for permanent installation or where the installation requires frequent alterations in respect to dimensions and load capacity. A wrench and a cutter are the only tools needed. For assembling, bolts are placed through a patented series of round and elongated holes. Standard angle length is 10 feet.

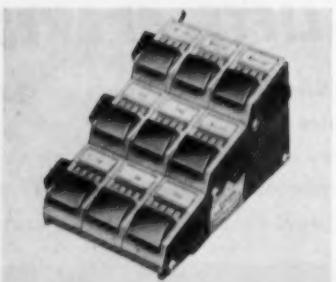
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### Gas Tractor With Electric Transmission

A gas-powered industrial tractor with electric transmission has been introduced by Automatic Transportation Company. Called the Dynamotive Model GLT, the new tractor is said to combine the new low maintenance costs, performance and long life of straight electric tractors with the constant power source of a gasoline engine. It has an overall length of 78 1/4 inches without coupler and a 50 inch wheelbase. It can negotiate approximately 38 percent grades; drawbar pull is 2000 pounds; travel speed 7 mph.

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### Fast Answers

A multiple-unit reset counter unit that will do any counting job you want in any combination up to six banks high, 12 units wide, is manufactured by Veeder-Root Inc. Called the Vary-Tally, the counter can be used in manufacturing, sales, accounting or researching. The figures can be read from any angle and are not covered by fingers in operation. The unit is easily portable; all parts are corrosion-resistant.

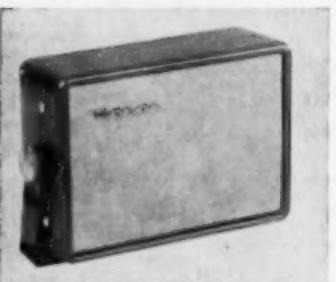
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### Heavy Duty Trolleys

Two new heavy duty trolleys rated at 375 amperes, two pole and three pole, are available from Feedrail Corporation. The trolleys are equal to the full current carrying capacity of the Feedrail "375" track. Designed for speeds up to 300 fpm, the units are said to offer maximum safety and minimum maintenance in facilitating the movement of heavy tonnage cranes and other electrical equipment having motor loads up to 200 hp at 440 volts, A.C. Both of the trolleys are track supported.

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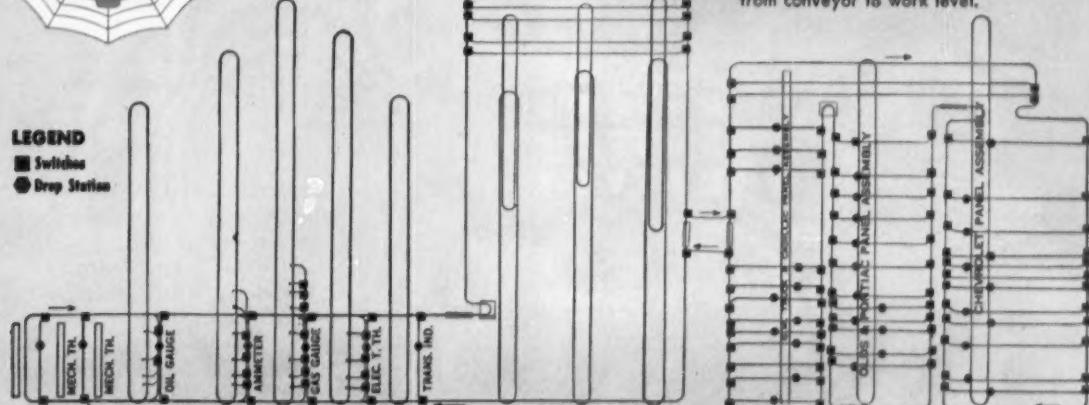
### Mobile Messages Clearer

In order to improve intelligibility of messages, Motorola is shipping as a standard accessory with the mobile two-way radio units a new inverted cone speaker with a 43 percent larger cone area. This permits more uniform reproduction without excessive attenuation of particular voice frequencies. The speaker is said to be unique in that the magnet assembly is actually inside the cone in order to reduce space requirements. The housing unit measures 8 1/2 x 6 3/4 x 2 3/4 inches deep, including mounting bracket.

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# 400 Electric Brains Control Carriers on POWER & FREE CONVEYORS



GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF CONVEYORS AND ASSEMBLY LINES.

Four Hundred electric brains (selector switches) automatically guide loaded and empty parts carriers to predetermined assembly points over the 1320 feet of Webb Power & Free Conveyors at this Spark Plug plant. As carriers move along main Power & Free conveyors they are automatically switched into proper "siding" according to setting of selector switch. Conveniently located drop stations on each "siding" permit lowering of individual carriers to bench level.

Being fully automatic in operation, this Webb conveyor system maintains an unfailing flow of parts and sub-assemblies to workers. In addition, conveyors serve as storage banks that provide quick visual inventory and assure consumption of current production—rapid rotation of stock greatly reduces accumulation of dust on precision parts and results in inventory savings.

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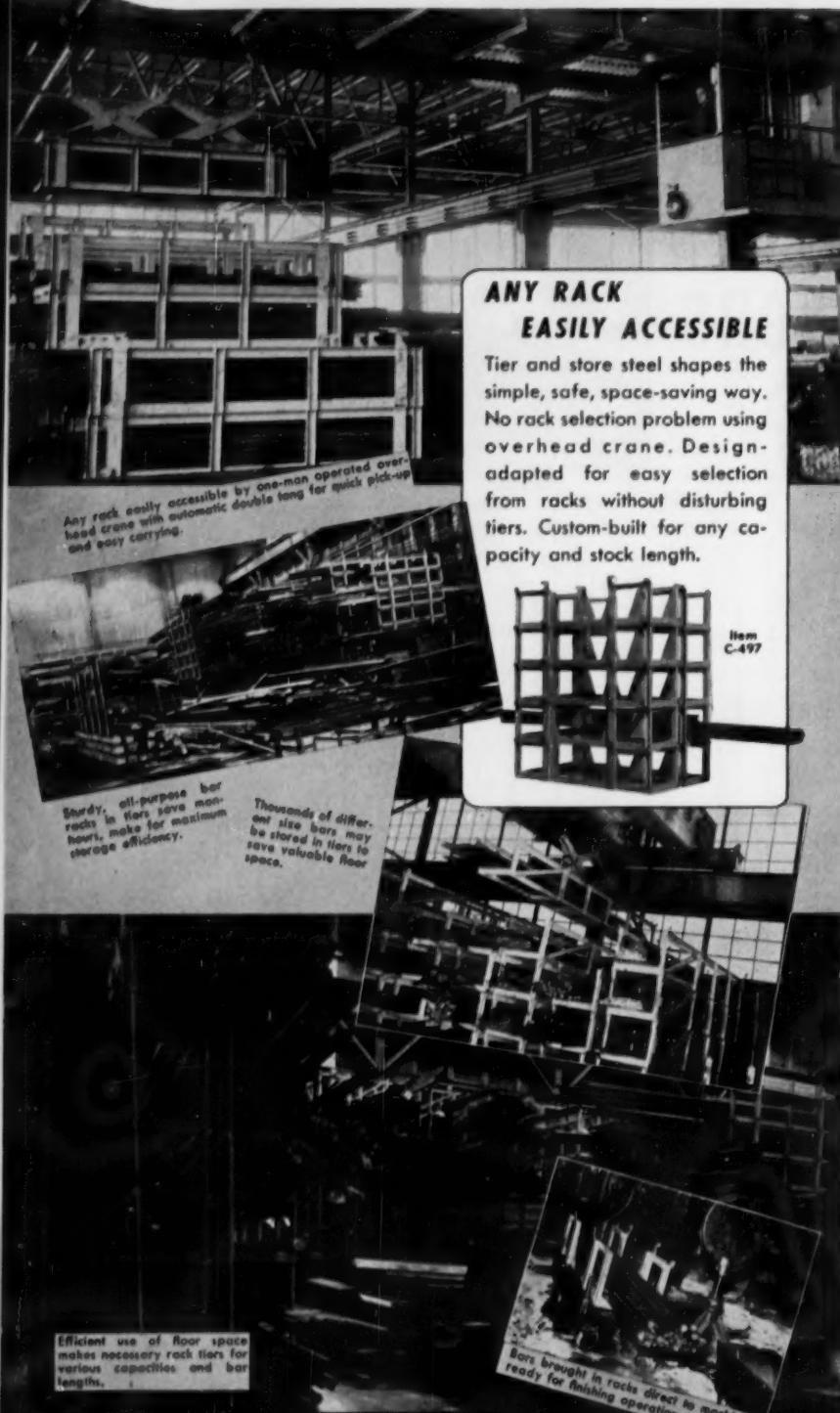
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SALES FIELD

Lewis-Shepard Products, Inc. has announced the appointment of Robert

P. Ronowski as exclusive representative in the Wisconsin area. A graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Ronowski became associated with Lewis-Shepard in the Chicago sales office in 1935. He maintains sales and service facilities at 312 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



R. P. Ronowski

Emil C. Buehrer, a pioneer in material handling in the San Francisco area, died October 12. A FLOW jobber since 1945, he represented Automatic, Barrett-Cravens and Nutting, among others. The firm of E. C. Buehrer and Associates will continue operations with O. L. Jenkins as president.

Pacific Coast distributors for Transister Truck Company are: Hallidie Machinery & Equipment Co., Portland, Oregon; Hallidie Machinery Co., Seattle, Washington; and Roll-Rite Corporation, Oakland, California. Each distributor has exclusive rights in his territory, and will carry a line of parts with complete service facilities.

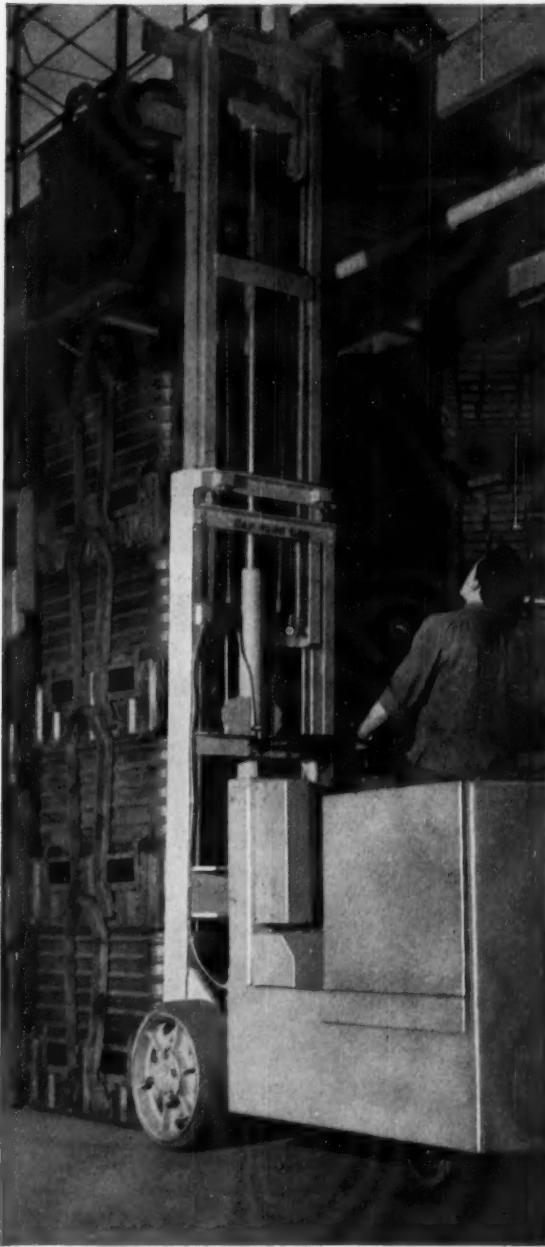
Jim Suter has been appointed sales engineer of The Frank G. Hough Company. In this position he will act as liaison between the sales department, Hough district representatives

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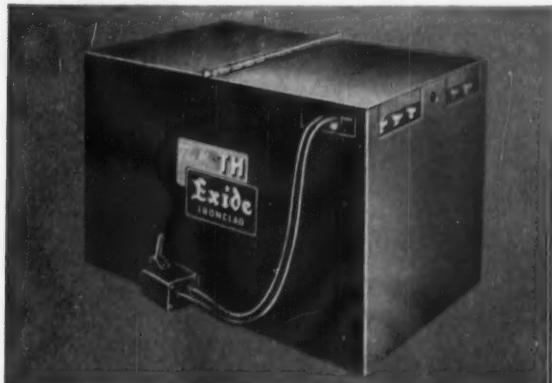
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## SALES FIELD

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and other departments, and will also be concerned with product improvement and development of the company's line of tractor-shovels and tractors.

Recently named Chicago branch manager of **The Colson Corporation** is **John Schippers**, who formerly held the same po-

sition with Service Caster & Truck Corporation. Schippers' offices are located at 5131 West Madison Street, where both the Colson and Service lines are warehoused.

**Hyster Company** representative for Oklahoma is **Herd Equipment Company**, 922 N.W. Fifth Street, Oklahoma City. Branch offices of the company are maintained in Woodward and Tulsa, Oklahoma.



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A regional sales office has been opened in Los Angeles, California, by the **Marine and Industrial Engine Division** of **Chrysler Corporation**. **Frank L. Harris**, sales representative in the Chicago territory will **Frank L. Harris** head the new office, located at the **Chrysler Motors of California** plant, Eastern and Slawson Streets.



New Rochester district manager of **A. C. Towne Corporation** is **Marty Ryan**. A founder of the Rochester Chapter of the American Material Handling Society, Ryan will represent exclusively **Standard Conveyor Company** and **Walsh Metal Products, Inc.** He will headquartered at 217 East Avenue, Rochester, New York.



**Marty Ryan**

The sale and distribution of **Republic Steel Corporation's** material handling equipment will be handled in the states of Illinois and Iowa by **Ken-Dick Corporation**, which maintains offices in Moline, Illinois and Des Moines, Iowa.

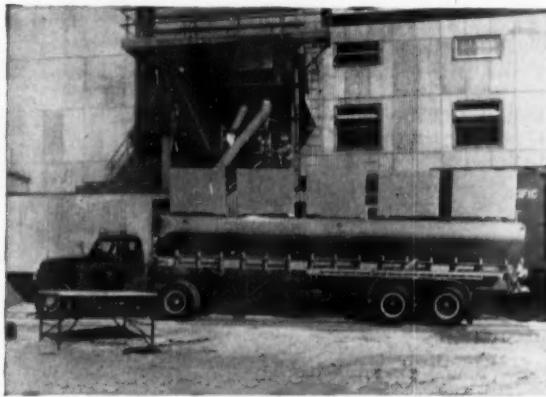
Two new distributors have been announced by the Construction Equipment Division of **Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corporation**. **R. S. Armstrong & Bros. Co.** of Albany, Georgia will cover the southern portion of the state of Georgia, and **Fred Berryhill Equipment Co., Inc.**, Lubbock, Texas, will cover northern Texas.

New Orleans, Louisiana distributor for **The Cambridge Wire Cloth Company** is **Woodward-Wight & Company, Ltd.**

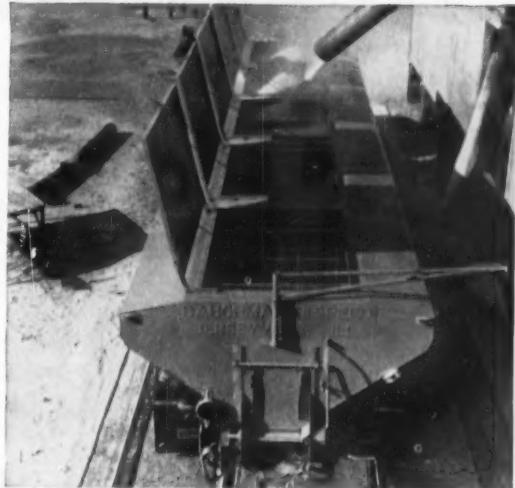
# NEW BAUGHMAN TRANSPORT CARRIES 33,000-LB. LOAD OF SALT ...UNLOADS IN 30 MINUTES!

GRAND SALINE, TEXAS — The Transport Body pictured on this page is helping to make appreciable cuts in labor and handling costs, with corresponding savings in time, for the Anderson Truck Company, contract hauler for the Morton Salt Co. Operations take the company throughout the state of Texas. The body is the new Baughman Bulk Transport K-8-T, manufactured by the Baughman Mfg. Co. of Jerseyville, Ill.

Anderson reports that customer response has been very favorable — many clients actually request deliveries in the time-saving K-8-T. Anderson's own view on this Baughman equipment is clearly evidenced in the fact that this is the company's third such unit ordered in the past year.



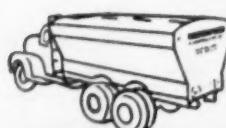
**DOES WORK OF BOXCAR — 4 TIMES FASTER!** By delivering 33,000 pounds of salt in each load, and by automatic screw conveyor unloading in 30 to 40 minutes (as compared to the 6 to 8 hours required to unload a 100,000-pound boxcar), this handler is cutting an average of four hours from his handling time.



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**SAVES UP TO 75% ON LABOR!** This new streamlined operation requires only the attention of the driver. The Baughman Transport loads directly into bins, with openings often 18-feet above ground. Compared with boxcar handling, the K-8-T accomplishes the same volume of work with a saving up to 75% in time, and therefore 75% in labor.



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## Highlights of the month's news

**A**BOUT 20 months ago—in April, 1953, to be exact—we mentioned in this column that it was heartening to note the progress being made by the Caster & Floor Truck Manufacturers' Association with its equipment standardization program. We wished the Association good luck on a job that very much needed doing.

And now, it's even more heartening to report that Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce and chairman of the American Trade Association Executive awards committee, announced the Association has received the ATAE Award of Merit in recognition of outstanding achievement, made by members of the Association through their voluntary cooperation in the standards program.

This standards program was formally initiated in January, 1952, by the members of the Association to develop a set of standards for the manual material handling equipment they represented. The manufacturers realized they were producing hundreds of varieties of casters, wheels and floor trucks, where relatively few varieties would be sufficient for all needs. They recognized that progress would depend upon eliminating such artificial individualization when it only meant higher costs and constant confusion to the public.

### Doing the "Impossible"

However, the results of developed standards do not show up overnight. But, CFTMA members worked hard to accomplish a project which some said was impossible. Even this, the development of specific standards, is only the first step in a long program of promulgation and promotion which will, in time, effect the adoption of these standards throughout the industry.

At this time, the Association has completed proposals for standards for all but one of its industry's products. Two wheel hand truck standards have now been formally adopted, and by the end of this month, Association standards will be completed for every product represented, and work will be well underway with the Commodity Standards Division in developing these standards into U. S. Commercial Standards.

Work with agencies of the Federal Government has included a review of certain specifications whereby CFTMA has been able to perform a useful, money-saving service, as well as to effect government specifications more closely related to the thinking of the industry.

And so, it's a pleasure to change our "good luck" of 20 months ago to "congratulations on a job well done".

# NEW DIESEL LOADERS STAR POWERFLOW STEERING, PARALLEL-BUCKET CONTROL

Latest developments to increase capacity and reduce costs are available on MM Wheeled Loaders—the original industrial "work-type" loaders.

Owners that choose or require diesel power now obtain the benefit of UTIL-D utility in new diesel units. MM energy-cell controlled combustion results in prolonged cylinder pressure for lowest maintenance and steady torque that matches job demands.

Powerflow hydraulic booster is the MM answer to difficult steering conditions . . . it's an industrial type unit that increases oper-

ator efficiency . . . has control valve built into drag link for added safety.

To promote more effective loading action MM loaders have parallel bucket control. This maintains proper bucket angle for improved loading and prevention of spillage at all heights.

In addition to the many superior heavy-duty advantages new MM integrated weight-to-power balance improves traction.

Extra large safety factor of MM design prevents being short-changed on tough job performance.



**MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE**  
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RTI-Wheeled Backhoe unit combines industrial prime mover with supreme speed and accuracy of hydraulic control and rugged construction for tough job conditions.



This RTI-50 Wheeler has new integral rear-end weight balance for bigger loading capacity. Short turning radius, ease of handling, large traction and flotation provide high mobility . . . fast work in close quarters.



A UTIL-175 loader is highly favored for big load capacity as the 1½ yard bucket is located over large front drive wheels. Rears are regular 10.00-20 transport tires.



High lift, long reach, and plenty of low-cost diesel power make this Model UTIL-100 Wheeler-Loader unit a top performer. 6 speed shuttle gear makes short work of loading trucks.



# LITERATURE

FEATURED IN THIS MONTH'S ADVERTISEMENTS

**Lifts, Turns, Stacks:** An Up-ending Roll Clamp manufactured by Towmotor Corporation which lifts, turns and high-stacks rolls mechanically, is said to cut handling time and costs up to 80 percent. This company says you should Towmotorize your handling problems with its job-planned fork lift trucks.

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**One Word:** Storage areas go "on wheels" and supply keeps pace with production when you speak into General Electric's 2-way mobile radio. Booklet tells how 2-way radio efficiently organizes plant production.

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**Changing Charging Plugs:** Gould-National Batteries, Inc. gives money saving tip #3 which tells how to change charging plugs in your own shop. Details on its Plus-Performance Plan are offered.

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**Get a Lift:** No hand switches are required for the Load-O-Matic and Ramp-O-Matic docks and ramps manufactured by Field Engineering Products Co. Find out how this Hydroilic line of equipment can give your company a lift.

Circle 85 on Reader Service Card

**Smooth Operation:** Using the right equipment for each material handling job in your plant can contribute much to efficient, productive operation. Fibre Specialty Equipment is said to help save time and assure safe product handling. Catalog 54 gives details.

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**Which V-Belt?** If the correct size of endless V-Belt is not readily available, or if you have to tear down machinery to install, Flexible Steel Lacing Company tells which belt is the best for you.

Circle 86 on Reader Service Card

**Clamping Down:** A booklet which explains Elpar special engineering service in detail is offered by The Elwell-Parker Electric Company. It tells how to clamp down on handling costs.

Circle 72 on Reader Service Card

**A Dividend:** Efficiency is a dividend, says The Chas. Wm. Doepe Mfg. Co., Inc. The firm tells you how to get new savings in small parts handling with Nestier boxes.

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**One Pickup:** Dillon portable crane scales combine weighing and load movement in one operation; cut handling time over 50 percent, according to W. C. Dillon & Co., Inc. New booklet gives helpful price and weighing information.

Circle 73 on Reader Service Card

**Considering Automation?** Diamond roller chains have a place in the picture, if you're considering automation, says Diamond Chain Company, Inc. Circle 74 on Reader Service Card

**Precision Handling:** When close, careful handling is required, Detroit Hoist and Machine Company's 2 speed hoist is said to be especially suited.

Circle 71 on Reader Service Card

**Four-Way Movement:** Wm. Christensen Co., Inc. features the four-way movement of its hydraulic loading ramps, which have capacities up to 20,000 pounds and finger-tip control. Circle 49 on Reader Service Card

**Non-Spill Handling:** For the product or operation that demands gentle, sanitary, non-spill handling, Counsel Machine Company Inc. offers its Robo-Lift bucket elevating conveyors.

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**World's Best Laboratory:** Specifications are helpful guides in choosing the right hoist for the job, but the world's best laboratory for testing hoists is your own plant, says Coffing Hoist Company.

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**Just One Lever:** Loads up to 4000 pounds can be moved through your plant by Colson Corporation's Handler, which shifts, lifts and brakes through use of just one lever.

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**Move More:** How to move more with a Michigan power crane is explained by Clark Equipment Company in its booklet "More Yardage Through Air Power", which may be obtained for the asking. Circle 52 on Reader Service Card

**Cut Shipping Costs:** Behr-Manning says you should strap your product with Behr-cat tape and cut shipping costs. The tape sticks without wetting.

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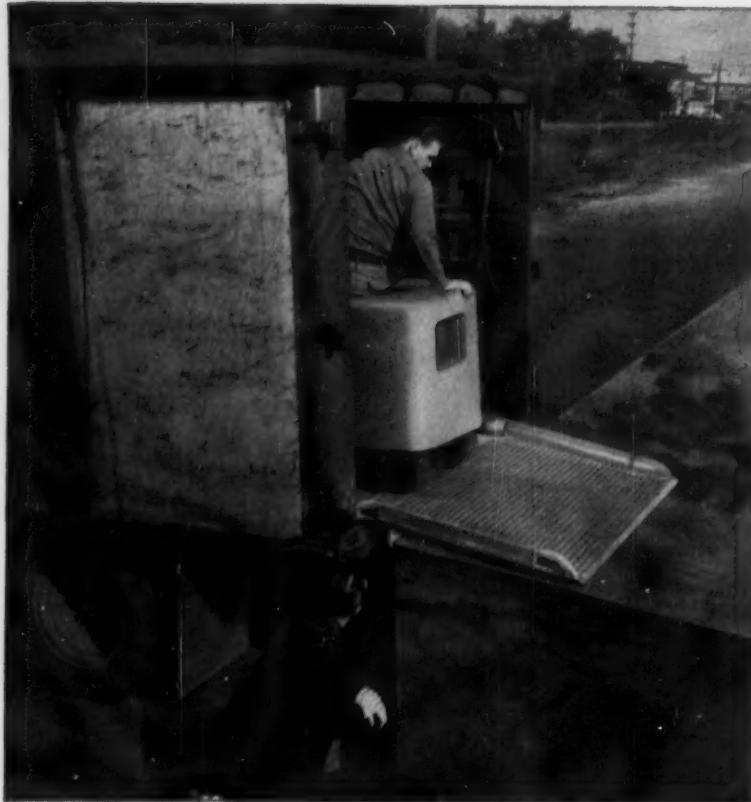
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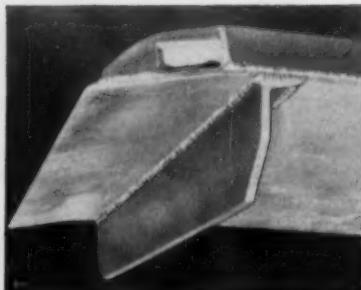
## Look underneath — you can see why Magcoa truck Dockboards perform better... last longer!

Here's another Magcoa feature that insures better performance and longer Dockboard life on your truck dock: the Magcon 7½-inch safety angle. It fits snug and secure in the narrow gap which results when you back into the dock and set your brakes. No need to move truck or trailer a second time to get a slip-proof fit.

And, regardless of rough, duty and abuse the Magcoa safety angle holds up; doesn't crush, doesn't break. Spindly channel sections and other fragile locking devices can't take this kind of rough treatment.

The Magcoa 7½-inch safety angle is dramatic visible evidence of why Magcoa truck Dockboards perform better, last longer.

The whole story is told in a new bulletin, "Look Into And Under Magcoa Dockboards." Use the handy coupon to get your free copy.



### LOOK UNDERNEATH!

The terrific thrust of backing semi-trailers and high speed lift trucks doesn't bother this rugged  $\frac{3}{8}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$  Magcoa safety angle. Notice that it extends the full width of the Dockboard and is welded on all four sides—in this case, 124 inches of continuous precision welding.

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**You Can't Kid The Moderns:** That's what Brooks and Perkins Inc., magnesium fabricators, says in exploding the fallacy that weight means strength. A new folder on magnesium plate and sheet will be forwarded on request.

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**Built-In Safety:** Buda claims its fork lift truck is the safest in the world, and offers to send you a free facts book on the subject.

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**Belting Guide:** Buffalo Weaving & Belting Company offers a 14 page guide to buying the right conveyor belt for your particular job, and says its belts are tougher, longer lasting.

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**Greater Profit:** A case history of case-handling in a Cincinnati brewery is detailed by E. W. Buschman Company. The company handled 13,200 cases an hour for greater profit.

Circle 42 on Reader Service Card

**Too Hot To Handle?** Bay City says its shovels and cranes handle hot materials with the same dependability, speed and precision that is typical of their performance on any job.

Circle 32 on Reader Service Card

**Present and Future:** The flexibility of design incorporated in every Marietta Concrete Corp. storage system, easily provides for increased handling capacity for future expansion, in addition to allowing you to enjoy lower operating costs today, says this manufacturer.

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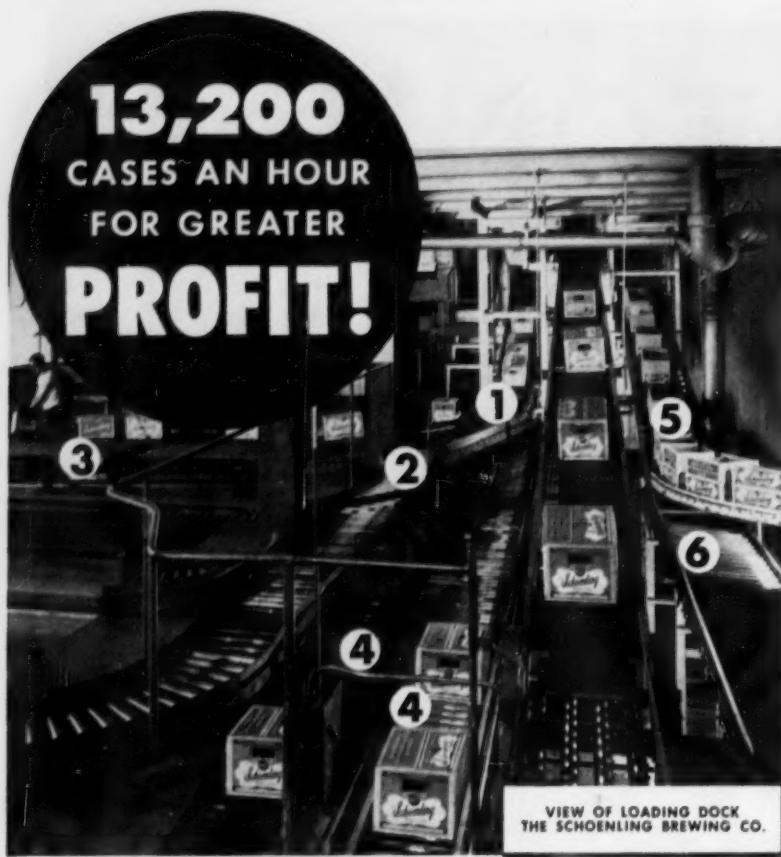
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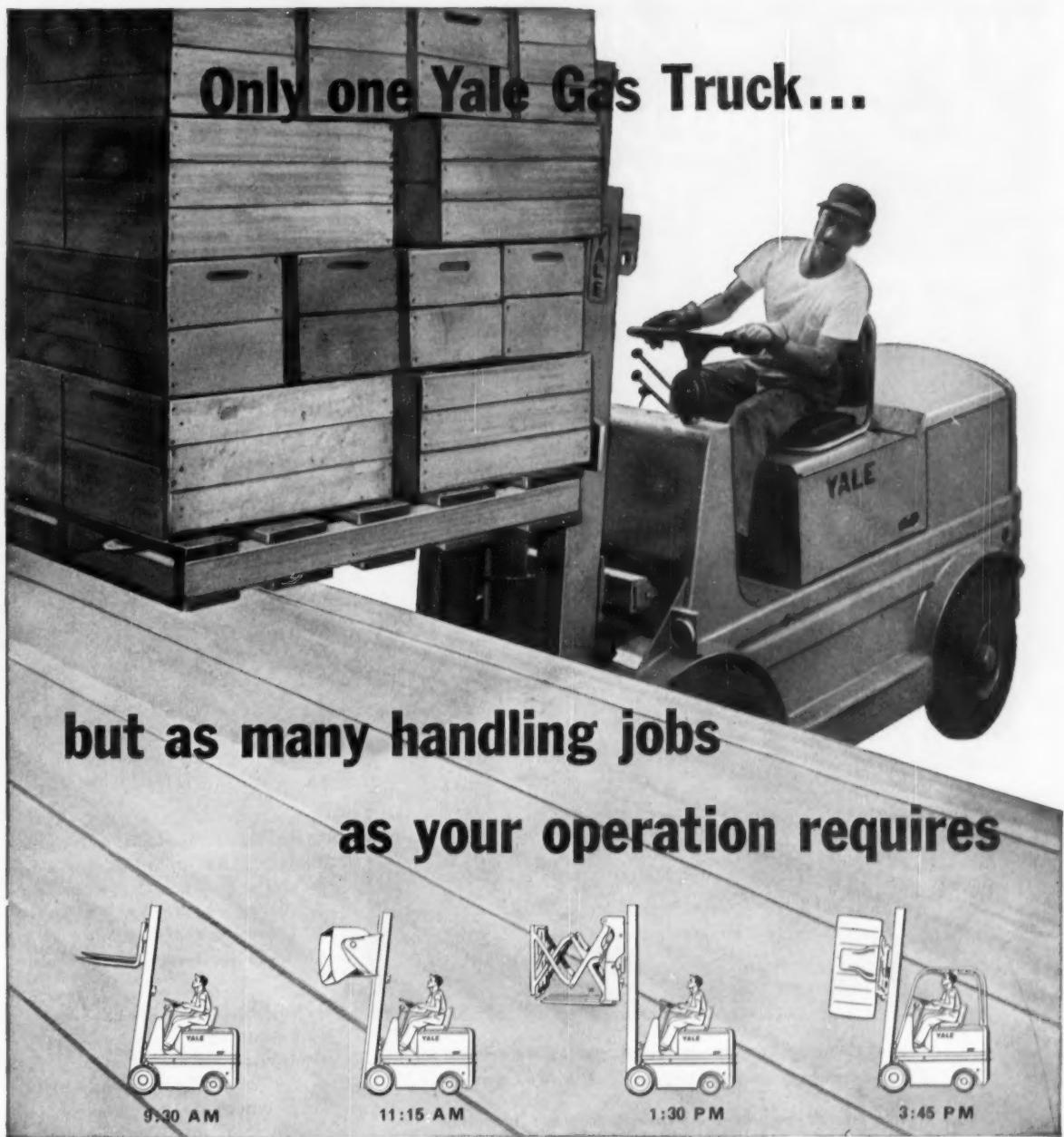
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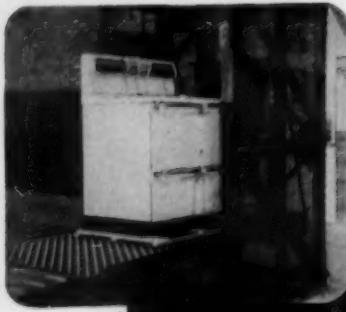
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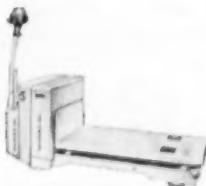
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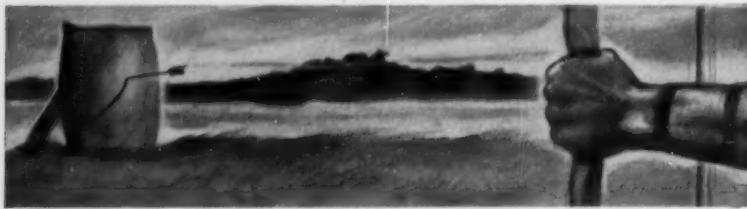
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WORKING AT LUNCH, panelists and committeemen discuss questions submitted by conferees during morning session. From left to right are James E. Borendame (MHI), M. L. Hurni, F. E. Cummings, C. H. Strauss (MHI, Chairman), R. C. Waehner, J. C. Emery, and T. H. Nelson.

## Integration of Transportation in Continuous Flow Systems

**Executives consider the place of both internal and external movement in the development of systems for mechanized handling from supplier-to-plant-to-consumer.**

IN THE SECOND program of material handling subjects especially prepared for management people—and conceived and quarter-backed by the Material Handling Institute—the "Working Conference on New Concepts of the Economics of Integrating Material Handling and Transportation" was held October 20 in the Drake Hotel, Chicago. The day-long event was jointly sponsored by the MHI, the Chicago Association of Commerce & Industry, and the Chicago Traffic Club.

Approximately 175 business executives attended to hear their counterparts—who have special talents or experience in material handling and traffic—discuss the latest developments in mechanized handling as they effect and are effected by transportation problems. One common denominator of all talks and discussions was the premise that a fully successful, continuous flow system today must include provisions for all aspects of internal and external material movements.

The program followed the procedure established a year ago in Detroit, with the morning devoted to lectures. At noon, speakers lunched together in a private

room, in order to mull over questions which conferees submitted after each talk. The afternoon session was devoted to discussions of these questions by both panel members and conferees.

Panelists were: M. L. Hurni, Senior Consultant, Operations Research Consulting Service, General Electric Company; Frank E. Cummings, Principal, Drake, Startzman, Sheahan & Barclay; R. C. Waehner, General Manager, Distribution Division, Lever Brothers Company; and J. C. Emery, President, Emery Air Freight Corp.—all of New York City.

Chairman of the MHI Industry Service Committee, the group which conducted the survey to determine the Conference subject, was Charles H. Strauss, President, Ironbound Box & Lumber Co., Hillside, N. J.

The luncheon speaker was W. F. Rockwell, Jr., President, Rockwell Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Rockwell was introduced by the President of the Material Handling Institute, C. B. Ellidge, General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The panel leader was Thomas H. Nelson, partner

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● The greatest single influence on material handling is likely to be the renaissance of "integration." The "integrated" man is but a few steps from the "integrated" management — and the "integrated" plant.

**W. F. Rockwell, Jr.**  
Rockwell Mfg.  
Company

● Individuals responsible for external transport must be guided by more tools and ideas than those which are provided by the route book and schedule of tariffs. External problems require the same logic as internal problems.

**M. L. Hurni**  
General Electric  
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of Rogers, Slade & Hill and President of Executive Training, Inc. Short talks and welcomes were delivered by T. H. Coulter, Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Ass'n. of Commerce & Industry; and A. H. Schwietert, representing the Traffic Club of Chicago.

Highlights and abstracts of the talks given in the morning session follow:

**M. L. Hurni: "New Approaches to the Material Distribution Problem."**

There is a growing recognition that the entire manufacturing process is somehow integrated—that what may be done outside the factory premises may have an important bearing on the structure of the shop itself as well as on the manner in which the processes are conducted.

What is most impressive about the handling of materials inside the factory is the hardware—the conveyor line; the transfer mechanism, coupling sequences of machines into a single work station; the conversion of batch plants into continuous process.

By contrast, the case of external transport seems characterized by an overburdening variety that makes similar treatment impossible. This variety ranges from the situation of the job lot manufacturer to that of the mass producer, the company with local markets to that having wide geographical dispersal. There is a range of unit values of product and product size to consider as well. Another equally long list of variations that effect or are effected by the marketing situation includes such matters as customer shipping requirements as they effect lot sizes and frequency, warehousing and method of shipment, and overall cost of shipment.

These problems are no more varied and complex than those inside the shop. They should be examined as logically and as objectively as the internal problems. Some of these internal transport problems have had a marked effect upon marketing policy and product design, but these things are not apparent to the casual observer in the final result.

This should not be interpreted to mean that present methods are not, in many instances, the best possible—not any more than it should mean that the shop as it

now stands and is organized represents the maximum overall economy to which external transport must adapt and conform to maintain this maximum. The reverse may be the case.

It does mean that the individuals responsible for external transport must be guided by more tools and ideas than those which are provided by the route book and schedules of tariffs.

The solution to this problem of integration may lie in many methods of attack. But one that has proven successful is: first, systematically examine the requirements of the environment in which the business is situated; and, second, come to an understanding of resources available to that business and develop logical hypotheses of how resources can be best organized to meet requirements.

On the surface this does not sound like very much, but, actually, if pursued diligently, this method has subtle depths. Let us examine a few of the differences from conventional methods of analysis:

1. As a matter of necessity the whole business and its requirements, or an autonomous part, should be examined, not just a piece—as, for example, the stockroom, or inventory control, or shipping.
2. It presumes that measurements will be made by the most rational tools available, that time will be spent on the investigation, and that the results will be understandable to all concerned. The investigation is not based upon opinion. If the relationships are subtle, there will be no hesitation to use, let us say, mathematical methods to distill out and outline the relationships.
3. It denies the isolated event or activity requiring the instinct of particularly gifted people alone to understand and make decision. It looks behind the individual event or activity for its relationship with others. This may be either a physical relationship—as between parts making and assembly—or a relationship in time—as, for example, the patterns in orders when examined in the aggregate for pre-established periods of time.
4. It also presumes that there is no absolute answer, that any alternative way of meeting the re-

● If the extension of the assembly line flow back to original material sources is a sound principle, controlled transportation is the key. And air freight with speed far surpassing that of any other carrier, is the adjustment factor.

J. C. Emery  
Emery Air Freight  
Corp.



● Impact of handling methods on transportation has been tremendous. Unit cost of transportation cannot be considered without cost of handling required to use the carrier and effect of the carrier on unloading costs.

R. C. Waehner  
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uirements of the business environment will be a balance among risks and costs. A traffic manager, for example, may become increasingly curious about shipping requirements in respect to:

- a. The frequency and composition of shipments to particular destinations.
- b. The size of shipments.
- c. The relation of these elements to actual orders on hand.
- d. The relation, for particular products, of manufacturing schedules to shipping schedules.
- e. Availability of stocks both at the factory and in local distributing points on the frequency, composition and size of shipments.
- f. Relative costs of shipping that would result from utilizing this information into ideal shipping routines.

He would quickly be involved on a sound factual basis with (1) the manager of the manufacturing facility in respect to the interrelation of schedules and (2) the marketing manager on stocks, shipping commitments, etc.

There would be involved, as a result, investigation of the balancing of transport costs against other costs and an effort to determine overall economies, not economics in isolated elements alone.

This does not necessarily mean that, in many cases, the isolated approach will not still represent the best results that can be attained at a given time. It does mean that a serious look will be taken at the entire process and for modification that can be made across the whole for the benefit of the whole.

In effect, integration will have been obtained at the intellectual level, if not at the mechanical level. The intellectual integration is the most important as it must come before any mechanical integration if possible. It should also be noted in passing that voluntary integration at the mechanical or physical level is best obtained by making this intellectual integration first—it brings understanding.

The job for transport people is to see that external transport receives fair consideration in these problems. If external transport looms insignificantly in any combination, well and good; adapt to the system that re-

● We recommend that a Director of Physical Distribution be established in the upper echelons of the organization—with complete authority to plan, schedule and control all distribution activities—external and internal.

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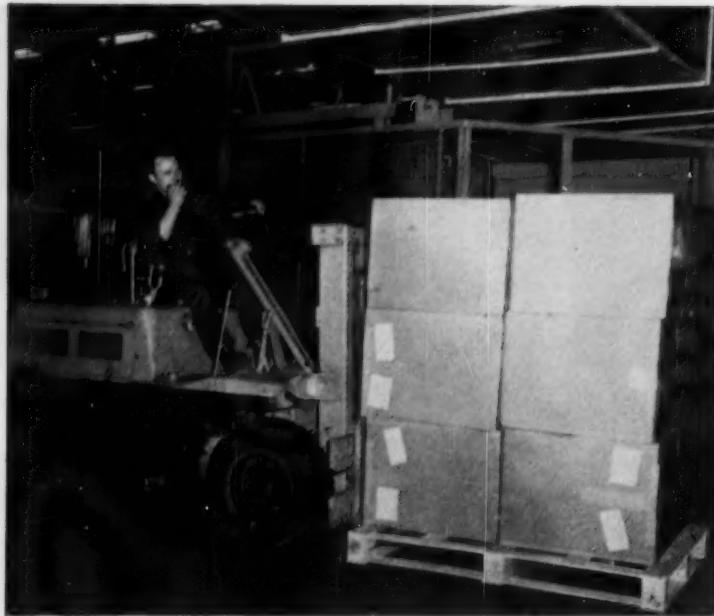
sults in maximum overall good. If external transport looms large, then how it is done should be a factor.

A question in most any transport problem is the frequency and magnitude of demand. It is present in every internal transport problem as well as external. It is often obscured in the internal problem for the reason that the demand is already known or can be controlled to a sufficient degree to warrant the adoption of special transport means.

In the external case, knowledge of frequency and magnitude of demand are usually not easily controllable or easily known. As a consequence, one source of bedrock information for designing specialized means of transport is missing. In some businesses this kind of data may extend beyond the problem of design of facilities and form the basis for the more fundamental chores of formulating both production and shipping schedules.

Of course, the most obvious use of such data is in the development of the need for and the size of geographically disbursed warehouse stocks. All too frequently, such stocks are viewed as being within the sole province of marketing and for the single objective of obtaining sales, with the limiting factor financing alone. They also have obvious impact upon the nature and the economy of transport. The point at which transport changes from a secondary to a primary consideration must be determined for each particular

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COORDINATION among drivers prevents shortages. At Mid-western plant truck operators receive radio licenses, which are not required but do build morale.

## Latest Techniques

Questions most frequently asked about industrial communications are candidly answered by Neal Harmon, Communication Equipment Dept., General Electric Co. He has participated in the development of this new handling tool since it was conceived.

**W**HO can use industrial radio economically—how many trucks have to be radio-equipped to produce savings? What, according to experience of sufficient length, are the monetary economies that can be expected? How do you get a license for a two-way system? How much is radio likely to cost?

These, and questions like them, are raised whenever industrial radio is discussed. Until recently, experience was rather limited and figures were inclined to be speculative. Now, though, we have had radio doing a good job for many types and sizes of firms for a sufficient length of time to evaluate it objectively.

Let's first settle a few points that have been debated.

Any material handling activity can be licensed to use two-way radio. Installations may cover one or a hundred or more vehicles.

Increased efficiencies and savings gained from use of radio are reported to range as high as 75 percent; a mean of close to 33 percent, across industries, is highly probable. The greatest single gain usually results from the drastic shortening of time required to move material between manufacturing processes. The

next major effect achieved through radio is constant coordination among vehicles.

The number of vehicles in a material handling operation is not the primary factor to be considered in relation to gains which might be expected from radio installations. The nature of the industry and the geographical pattern of the material handling operation are of greater importance.

Numerous plants with but one or two vehicles have reported that substantial savings in material handling costs resulted from radio.

A number of currently large industrial radio systems were justified upon the basis of pilot installations which originally involved but one or two vehicles. In other words, studies of the activity of these limited systems revealed improvements in efficiency and economy which led to the installation of radio on most or all of a company's trucks.

Colonel W. H. Dawson, Jr., commander of the Augusta, Georgia, arsenal, estimates that two-way radio on his 11 material handling vehicles will save \$20,000 during its first year of operation.

"POOL SYSTEM", with central dispatching, has produced greatest economies because dispatcher assigns handling vehicles on basis of job priorities.



## In Radio Applications

A large motor car manufacturing firm reports that savings resulting from radio control paid for the installation in less than one week. Radio made it possible to shift eight men from material handling (an overhead expense) to production at the end of the first week.

When the Electric Storage Battery Company (Exide) in Philadelphia was planning an expansion of facilities, radio control of material handling was included in original plans. In fact, one official was quoted as saying that the entire expansion program was designed around radio control.

### Radio Favors Continuous Flow

An advantage of industrial radio that has not elsewhere been sufficiently noted is the way in which it helps provide an even flow of materials through a plant. It assures adequate supply at all points in a production line. It prevents the accumulation of excesses at any station, eliminating the dangers of slowdowns and shortages.

Expensive machine tools may be kept running at maximum capacity through radio control of material handling vehicles. In one plant it was found that costly milling machines were operating at about 35 percent of capacity because raw materials were not kept coming at a constant, maximum capacity rate. A study revealed the firm had adequate stores in the yard. Delivery to machines was difficult to regulate because of poor contact with trucks. Installation of

radio at a cost of \$3000 increased the useful operating rate of milling machines to 80 percent.

A large Midwestern appliance manufacturer credits a 15 percent savings on over-all material handling costs to a new radio system. Much of this has come because operators do not have cause to leave their vehicles as often as before.

This was one of the companies which installed three sets as a trial. It quickly found that, in running the trucks from fabricating to assembly areas, radio made it possible to reduce the number of trucks to two and release two operators. Another part-time truck formerly used was no longer required. The company found, too, that radio so increased the speed of collections at assembly stations for trackless trains that a fork truck could be released from this operation. This is, of course, another example of improvement in the supply and delivery system that can be produced through better communications.

Distances traveled by vehicles may or may not be a critical factor in the use of radio. In general, the greater the distances traveled, the greater the savings achieved through the elimination of deadhead times. Once again, though, just as soon as a truck is out of sight—regardless of actual distance—its availability is severely curtailed without adequate communications. Even when trucks operate within restricted areas, especially around noisy machines, effectiveness is greatly increased through radio. Super-

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visors and drivers can provide more help around machines, shift vehicles readily from department to department—in general coordinate activities among themselves far better through radio than they could through foot messengers and shouted instructions.

#### Central Dispatching for Maximum Utility

It is through the "pool" system, however, that the greatest economies have been found. When all requests for the services of vehicles are made to a dispatcher, they can be assigned on the basis of priorities of jobs to be done.

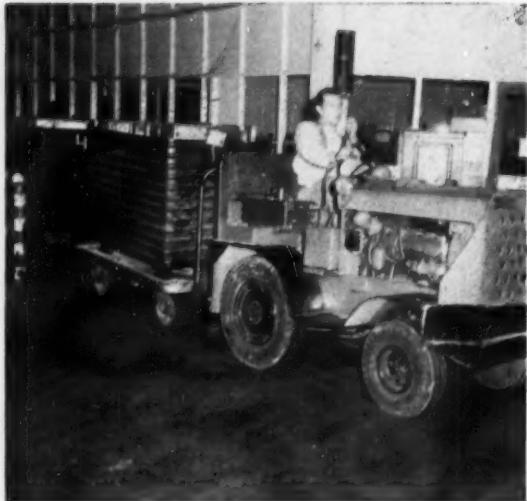
In most plants, needs for vehicles vary from hour to hour in the various departments or sections.

When one department—say, the receiving department—has urgent need for more vehicles than are regularly assigned to it, they can be dispatched immediately.

An unusually large amount of material might be arriving. Another department may have vehicles which can be temporarily released from routine jobs—it might even have an idle truck. In any event, additional help can be provided almost instantly to alleviate pressure without jeopardizing over-all operational efficiency.

Numerous other benefits are derived from industrial radio communications today. Among them are:

1. The prevention of shutdowns through emergency dispatching of component parts to production stations.
2. Assurance of minimum down-time by scheduling "set-up" crews or tool makers.



ACCUMULATION of loads for in-plant trains has been so speeded by radio in this firm that one full-time fork truck has been released from the operation.

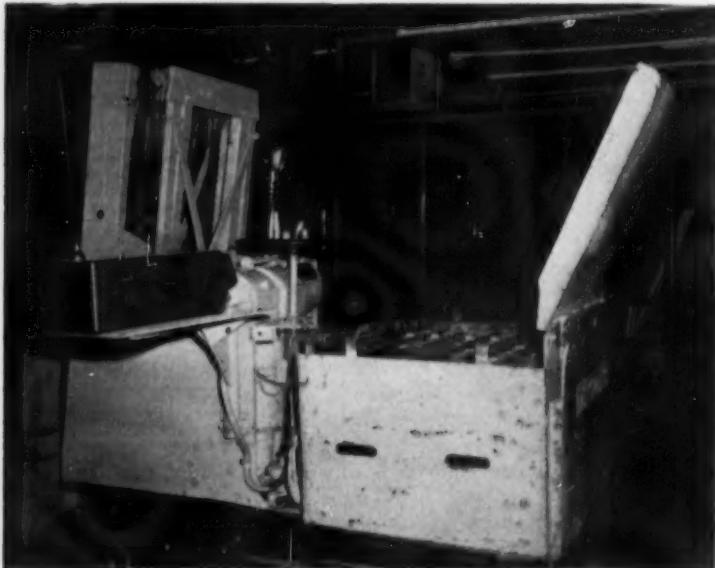
#### 3. Assistance in accidents or fires.

One plant has placed large fire extinguishers on all of its radio-equipped fork trucks, which are sent to fires by the material handling dispatcher.

#### Two License Categories to Fit Plant Needs

Radio has been recognized as an industrial tool by the Federal Communications Commission which has established two classifications under which a license may be obtained: (1) *Special Industrial*; and (2) *Lower Power Industrial*.

A license to operate radio equipment may be



SWING-OUT bracket allows set to remain undisturbed while battery service takes place. When truck's not occupied, sets are locked against unauthorized use.



**INTER-PLANT** transportation, with radio, operates without dead-heading, relieves shipping departments of confusion, since pick-up times are accurately set.

granted in the Special Industrial classification to anyone who is engaged in "an industrial activity the primary function of which is devoted to production, construction, fabrication, manufacturing, or similar processes . . ."—as opposed to those firms engaged in a servicing or distribution function. There is no limit on the power of the transmitting equipment, nor the antenna height. There are certain limitations on the areas in which the equipment may be used, the chief one being the population of the area in which it is desired to operate the radio equipment.

The other classification, Low Power Industrial, was established to provide service for "anyone engaged

in commercial activity" who desires communication within the plant area. As the name implies, the power of the transmitter is limited—three watts output is the maximum allowed—and the distance between antenna and transmitter is restricted to 25 feet. For many industrial plants this power is sufficient to provide the communication service desired. There is no limit on the area in which a station licensed in the Low Power Industrial classification may operate.

Representatives of radio communication manufacturers will assist any firm in preparing applications for FCC licenses.

#### Equipment and Cost

The adaptation of two-way radio to material handling vehicles presents several problems: (1) The radio equipment must be sturdy; (2) Compactness is essential, for available space on vehicle is limited; (3) Equipment should operate from many voltages, including 6-volt dc, 12-volt dc, 32-volt dc, as well as 117-volt ac; and (4) Radio equipment should be weather resistant.

The cost of what might be considered an average system—consisting of ten trucks and one dispatching station—is approximately \$6,000. Units for the vehicles (fork trucks, tractors, straddle trucks, locomotives, etc.) cost about \$500 each, including power adapter for voltages other than 117-volt ac and for 6- or 12-volt dc. The dispatch stations, including antenna, average about \$1000 for the 50-watt and approximately twice as much for the 250-watt units. Maintenance is usually handled by service organizations on an annual contract. However, several of the larger users established their own service departments.

It is apparent that this newest tool—radio for industrial vehicles—is assuming a place in our industrial system. "A foreman on every truck" will become the accepted practice in the not-too-distant future.

**CONSTANT SUPPLY** is maintained at machines by radio-equipped trucks which can be called the instant shortage seems imminent, as in this press dept.





EXECUTIVES INSPECT OPERATIONS in plant. Vehicle stops at various points for on-the-spot discussions.

## Personnel Carriers—

**Is Time-Consuming Walking  
Cutting Down Your Profits?  
Carriers Help Save That Time**



EMERGENCIES are met as promptly as they arise by this completely-equipped truck with a crew of five.

EVER since material handling began to receive the attention it really deserved, tremendous savings have been realized by the efficient movement of all types of materials into, through and out of plants. But what about the movement of men, or personnel? Time means money, and it's obvious that time consumed in unnecessarily slow movement represents dollars thrown away. Although numerous methods have been devised to handle materials better, relatively little thought has been given to transporting men responsible for the materials.

Several years ago an increasing number of material handling equipment manufacturers became aware of the need to transport men rapidly, and designed a truck for that specific purpose. At the time, the theory of single structure plants was becoming popular. While it was fine to have everything on one floor—it was rough on the supervisor keeping a close check on men, machines and goods. By the time he had walked to one end of the plant, he was needed at the other end, and in a hurry. The answer to this problem was a personnel carrier in which a supervisor could quickly drive about a large area, from one operation to another. And, better supervision resulted in better work.

Just how can a system to "speed people" be applied to a plant? Extensive investigation of the subject revealed that many companies have successfully speeded



VISITORS TOUR AUTOMOTIVE PLANT in comfort. Guide with hand mike explains manufacturing procedures.

## *Supervision Tool, Safety Aid*

their employees' movements—to everyone's satisfaction.

During the war, for example, one large aircraft plant found that the 30-minute lunch period allowed for workers was not sufficient, since employees were constantly late returning from lunch. A thorough study proved the delay did not occur in the lunch room itself, but in walking to and from the cafeteria. Immediately, personnel carriers were employed to transport workers to and from lunch. As a result, production was speeded up, due to complete coordination of all departments. And, the company further benefitted because employee morale was boosted.

### **Servicing Time Cut**

In a Southern textile mill, the changing of bobbins was a major problem. Walking through the mill to service machines which were sometimes widely separated was time consuming, as well as fatiguing. An electric truck manufacturer modified one of its units so that, instead of walking, the worker could ride from machine to machine. There was no longer any delay in changing bobbins, many more units could be serviced by one person, and personnel were freed to handle other jobs.

Not only can these rugged little trucks be used for routine jobs, but they're especially handy when an

emergency arises, and men and equipment have to be speeded to a particular area. A tool company in Houston, Texas, had a personnel carrier designed to meet its particular needs for a maintenance emergency truck. The truck carries tools and equipment, and a driver and four riders are seated on the unit. The savings in "down time" alone could have paid for the truck, to say nothing of the efficiency achieved in meeting emergencies as they arise.

Another example of an emergency vehicle is the one used as a small fire truck. This is truly a fire-fighting unit, and is equipped with everything needed in case of fire, including a ladder, blinking light and siren, and it carries a fire-fighting crew, too.

Naturally, plants don't constantly operate under the stress of fire, but the problem of an emergency in some form is ever present in almost every plant, and the larger the company, the greater the risk. Anticipation of and preparation for an emergency frequently means the difference between profit and loss.

Executives, for the most part, don't have time to walk through a plant. Yet, they often need to see for themselves what is happening in the production, storage, shipping departments. With a personnel carrier, they can ride through the plant, see plant operations first-hand, and discuss problems on the spot with

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VEHICLE, fully equipped, provides instant protection to plant, valuable machines and also personnel.

PROBLEMS are solved quickly by this firm as routine tours by key personnel help spot likely trouble (left).

## PERSONNEL CARRIERS

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department heads. Useless time is not wasted walking through large areas, the employees take pride in the fact the boss really knows and cares what is happening and subsequently take greater pride in their work. The all-around effect created is good, and besides, valuable time has been saved.

Plant tours are routine at many plants, especially in the automotive industry. But it isn't always easy to control large groups of people, or to keep them from diverting the attention of workers. Quite a number of car manufacturers today are using the tractor and

trailer system to tour people through the plant. Permanent type seats are installed on the trailers which hook onto the tractor by means of a coupling. Any number of persons can be guided through at one time in this manner, and the tours are quicker, the people can see more, and there's no danger of workers being disturbed by visitors.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to compile from any source consulted a dollars and cents savings resulting from the use of equipment to move people faster

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PRODUCTION PROCEDURES are initiated by plant engineers, who confer and make notes while riding.

SUPERVISOR keeps constant control of plant operations with this small, versatile tractor-type unit (left).

# Windrow Loader— Loose Bulk Handler



INCREASING numbers of applications are being found for a medium capacity windrow handling machine, recently developed, in material loading and turning operations.

One of the most timely uses is in the removal of snow from yards, drives and roads. In this job, the equipment handles seven cubic yards per minute. (For heavier materials, such as sand and aggregates, capacity is normally four cubic feet).

The equipment has been reported in use in a fertilizer field, where, during the curing stage of compost, material must be turned for aeration. Another turning application is in the production of tan bark.

In loading jobs, the machine has handled moist sand, clay, gravel, cracked rock, earth and sod. Users have recorded that, in such applications experienced to date, capacity of the equipment has not been equalled by the number of trucks available.

Travel speed of the windrow loader is 10 miles per hour. It turns in a radius of eight and a half feet.

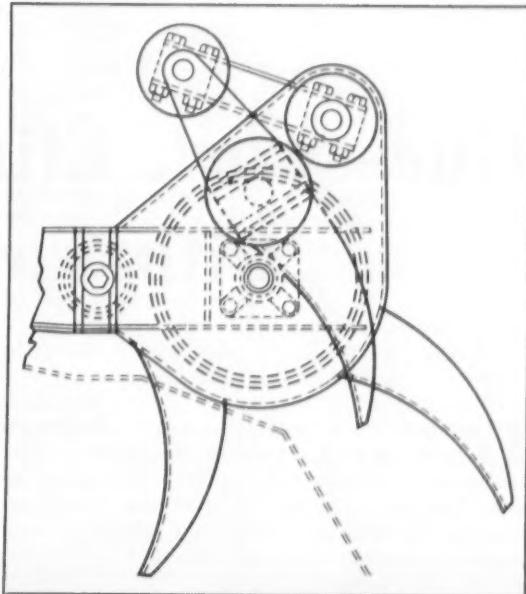
Material is "clawed" from the ground by three "spades" operating on eccentrics and rocker arms. These dig into the windrow, reducing lumps and clumps, where required, into more easily handled sizes for feeding to the belt. If a tough obstruction is encountered, the entire feeding mechanism raises up and returns to operating position automatically.

To minimize service and maintenance under the tough and abrasive conditions likely to be encountered, the "claw head" has been equipped with Arguto oil-less bearings. There are three such bearings on each of the three spades.

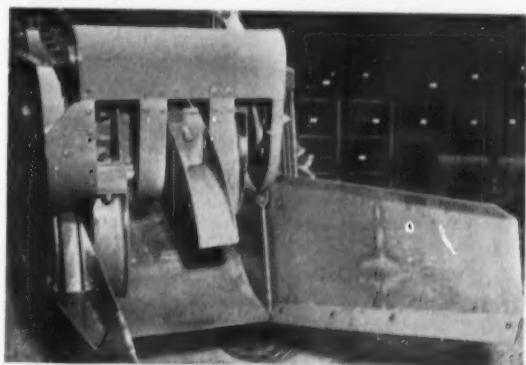
The 18-inch, cleated conveyor belt discharges at a height of 10 feet, with an overhang of eight feet. It permits loading without chutes or swivel heads and an adjustable, side-discharge baffle is provided.

The equipment is mounted on a rubber-tired John Deere tractor. A protective rail under the conveyor boom prevents trucks from backing too far under. A wire guard protects operator and tractor.

*Illustrations courtesy Barber-Greene Company.*



ABOVE: Sketch shows positions of oilless bearings (circled) on one of three spades, designed to minimize wear and service needs. BELOW: Close-up of feed end.



**TRUCK SCALE** weighs rolls of paper as they are loaded onto a truck for delivery to a production plant. Operator simply reads a scale dial (arrow) for accurate weight. Two such scales are used in the general stores department.



## Guesswork Eliminated at Ford with Fork Truck Scales

**I**N an operation as large as Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant, the importance of a non-productive stores department could easily be lost among the more spectacular, high-speed production operations. And yet, the receiving, storage and issuance of non-productive supplies can create serious delays in production if not delivered promptly.

So, in an effort to improve even more its already efficient operation, Ford's General Stores, Shipping and Receiving Services, Manufacturing Services Division, obtained two Martin-Decker fork truck scales in order to accurately weigh outgoing materials as they are picked up by the fork trucks. The significance of this decision becomes more apparent when the overall operation is considered.

Said to be the largest industrial non-productive stores department in the city of Detroit, the one at Ford occupies some 130,000 square feet of floor space. There, non-productive supplies are received and stored, then issued to the various departments in the River Rouge plant. Supplies involved include such items as tools, abrasives, plumbing, chemicals, electrical supplies and hardware of all kinds.

And, despite the fact that approximately 1½ million pounds of supplies are handled each week, requisitions

get one-day service. In fact, special orders are often filled in 20 minutes. This service is even more noteworthy when it is considered that approximately 2200 orders are filled each day. As a general rule, orders received by 3:00 p.m. one day are filled by 3:00 p.m. the following day. This requires a three-shift operation, seven days a week, including holidays.

The operation requires three rider-type fork trucks and three walkie-type trucks, one of the latter being a high-lift pallet type for stacking in restricted areas. Incoming supplies are received either by rail car or truck. They are unloaded by fork truck and are broken down into five group classifications on the receiving docks.

### Locating Supplies Facilitated

These five group classifications were established to facilitate locating the supplies in the storage area, which has been divided into five main locations. The classifications include: (1) abrasives and machine repair, (2) tool stock, (3) electric and miscellaneous, (4) millwright, including plumbing, bagged chemicals, belts and material in barrels and (5) electric motor and speed reducer pool.

The electric motor pool, incidentally, adds greatly



STORAGE AREA in the general stores department contains more than 34,000 items exclusively for use in the company's various manufacturing divisions. Although some 2200 orders are filled each day, each one gets one-day service.

to the overall efficiency of the plant. This motor pool provides the Rouge plant area with 20-minute emergency replacement service.

In the storage area, most supplies are stored on pallet racks, and first-in items are removed first. A stock-numbering system is used to locate supplies, and three sets of numbers are used: one to identify blueprint, or special items, another for standard items and the third for commercial items, such as hammers, wrenches and pipe, which can be bought off shelves and which are carried under non-productive code numbers.

By accurately weighing each load, or order, an exact record can be kept of weights of material sent to each of the other manufacturing departments. Prior to the installation of the scales, most of the figures

were estimated or subjected to guesswork. In all fairness to the checkers and operators, the estimated figures were fairly close—but not close enough.

Two of the three fork trucks used in the warehouse are equipped with these scales, which are actuated by the hydraulic cylinders of the trucks. As loads are lifted off the floor for movement, the truck operator merely has to read a dial to tell what his load weighs. And, naturally, compensations are made for the weight of pallets and containers.

The scale-equipped trucks are used for other purposes also. For instance, certain items are shipped to the productive activities in locked cabinets, and these cabinets are sometimes returned to the warehouse before all the supplies inside are used. Knowing the

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WALKIE-TYPE FORK TRUCK is used to stack incoming load of materials in storage area. Most of the supplies are stored on pallet racks, as seen here.



CONVEYOR LINE services small packaging area, in which breakable items are packaged to insure safe delivery to the activity which orders these supplies.

# Continuous Automatic Production



P. H. Alspach

**P. H. Alspach, Manager of Manufacturing Development, Manufacturing Services Division, General Electric Co., holds that industry is in an irresistible trend toward full automation—which, even now, can be profitably studied by almost every type of plant and business.**

**T**o some people, automation means mechanization, to others material handling, and to still others, "the automatic factory"—words that conjure up visions of robots running machines and factories without men. Actually, these words have little or no bearing on the industrial concept of automation today.

The industrial interpretation of Automation now is *continuous automatic production*. It is a way of manufacturing based on the *continuous flow* concept, rather than the batch concept. It embraces all the manufacturing operations—making, inspecting, assembling, testing, and packaging. This concept will have a direct and marked effect on our labor, manufacturing facilities, products, and profits during the years ahead.

Automation has been a long time coming, even though an inventor named Oliver Evans built an automatic flour mill near Philadelphia back in 1784. By automatic, we mean the use of a number of mechanical devices which transformed a surprising amount of hard, manual direct-labor, into easier but more rewarding indirect labor. The important thing to know, however, is that automation is not a second Industrial Revolution. Its nature is evolutionary, not revolutionary.

Automation, as it has developed, is a way of manufacturing. It is built upon the solid foundation of progressive, step-by-step upgrading of both our manufacturing operations and people.

The metal working industry is ideally suited to illustrate the progressive steps of industrial development. There was the *manual area* of manufacturing—many people combining to produce one unit at a time, first only by hand and then with the aid of hand tools and simple material-handling equipment.

Next, there is the *mechanization area* where mass production results from the use of the power-driven machine and the simple conveyor.

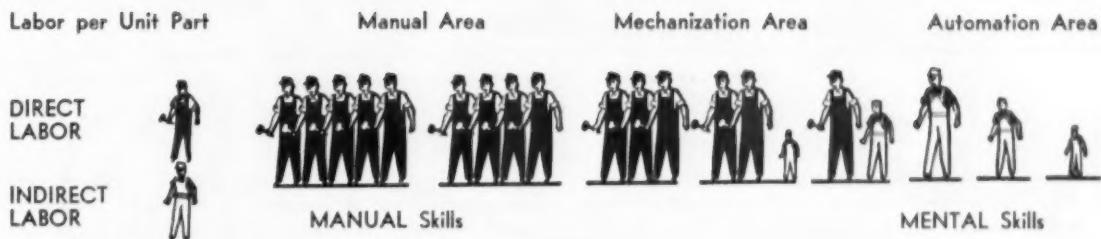
The addition of increasingly complex controls leads us to the automatic stage in which many operations can be performed. The job of the production worker has been limited to no more than loading and unloading the automatic machine, while the amount of supporting, or indirect, labor required for maintenance has increased.

## Automation Area

We are now ready for the beginning of the *Automation Area*. Here, *continuous automatic production* starts with the fully automatic machine integrated with transfer devices to perform a series of operations. The production worker, as we know him now, has been trained and upgraded to become the skilled machine specialist or maintenance expert. By logical steps these machines are grouped into *automatic units*. The units are then grouped into *automatic systems*, the systems into an *automatic section* and finally, we see that someday in the future maybe the *automatic factory* will emerge.

Although the automatic factory is a long way off, it can only result from a continual, progressive upgrading of our people and operations. It certainly will not come by just the sudden, uneconomical application of money and effort. Except in process industries, such as chemical, petroleum refining, and some foods—industries where the products are fluid—automatic factories are rare.

Today, the opportunities lie in doing the job at hand with the tools available—that is, progressively upgrading our operations and people in the Mechanization and into Automation Areas.



### People—

The trend toward Automation began in the forties and has picked up momentum ever since. And for several good reasons. First, it is the next *progressive* step of industrial development. Second, it is estimated that this country by the end of the next decade will be consuming products at twice our present rate, while the available work force is expected to increase by only 11 percent. Third, no industry could ever begin to afford doubling its present floor space in order to double its output—let alone afford the additional capital investment for equipment and materials. The answer is increased productivity.

But how do we get this increased productivity?

By progressively upgrading our factories and our work force towards automation. That means investing money in *improved* processes and more *automatic* equipment, rather than more buildings filled with the same old kinds of equipment, using the same old processes.

There are two main factors today that determine the extent to which automation may be applied *economically*—volume and nature of the product. For the purposes of this discussion, the "nature" of the product is considered to include the elements of product design, product standardization, and materials and processes.

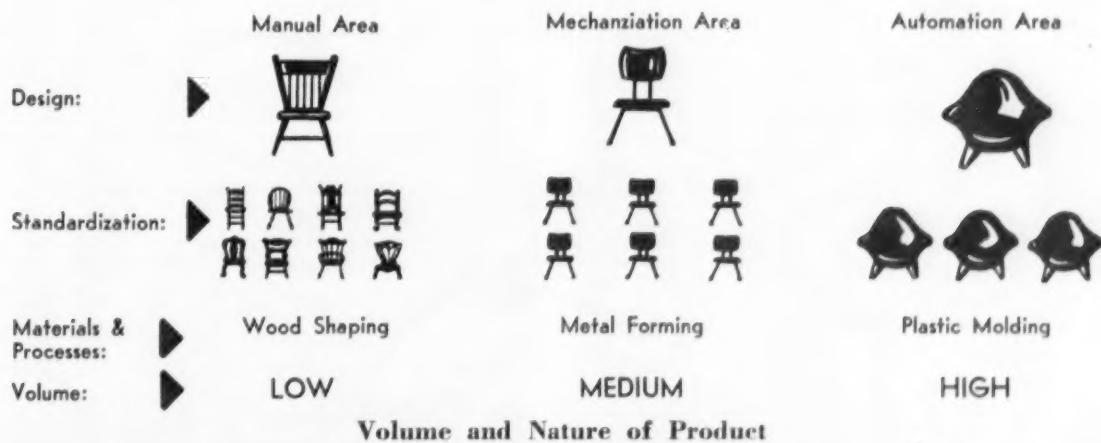
First, let's look at product design and see how it influences automation.

We consider three chairs. The chairs are fundamentally the same—something to sit on—but the design of each is different. In each case, the chair was de-

signed to suit a particular area of manufacturing. In the *Manual Area*, the chair was designed so that it could be made by hand, or with hand tools. It required many manual operations. In the *Mechanization Area*, the metal parts of the chair were designed to be formed on machines and hand assembled. It required fewer manual operations. In the *Automation Area*, a fresh approach to chair design has been taken. The "blast-away" technique was used. The manual operations were designed *out* of the product by using a different manufacturing process and different materials. This last example not only points up the challenge to designing for the *Automation Area*, but also points up the fact that the eventual extent of Automation is dependent, to a large degree, upon how well our design engineers meet this challenge. The number of manual operations designed *out* of the product is a key to economic Automation.

### Product Standardization

Now let's look at product standardization. In the *Manual Area*, there are eight chairs. Here each is different. It's not much more difficult to make them different, or to make a "special," than it is to make them all the same. There is little tooling and production is low. In the *Mechanization Area*, standardization becomes important because we are now getting into tooling costs and interchangeable parts. In the *Automation Area*, standardization is of the utmost im-



## CONTINUOUS AUTOMATIC PRODUCTION

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portance. Here the chairs are all the same—except for color and trim, they are all made on the same tools.

Next to product design, the important factor of any Automation program is standardization of the product or parts. Unless we are constantly trying to standardize our products—standardization that builds volume—we will find that we are operating under job shop conditions in the manual and mechanization areas while our competitors are operating in the automation area.

Let's see how the various materials and processes affect us. There are generally several different ones that can be used to make a part or a product. The manufacturing engineer and design engineer must work together during the designing of the product to select the best material and process. Certain of these adapt themselves more readily to the *Automation Area* than others. In the *Manual Area*, the wood chairs are shaped with hand tools and assembled manually. In the *Mechanization Area*, the metal parts for the chair are stamped out on machines and assembled manually. In the *Automation Area*, the chair is made of plastic, and molded completely in machine.

The second main factor that determines the extent of economic Automation, is *volume* of the part or product. The low-volume chair falls in the *Manual Area*, the medium-volume chair falls in the *Mechanization Area*, and the high-volume chair falls in the *Automation Area*. This classification is determined, to a large extent, by such factors as manufacturing costs, styling, and customer demand. In most cases fairly high volume is required to economically support an Automation program.

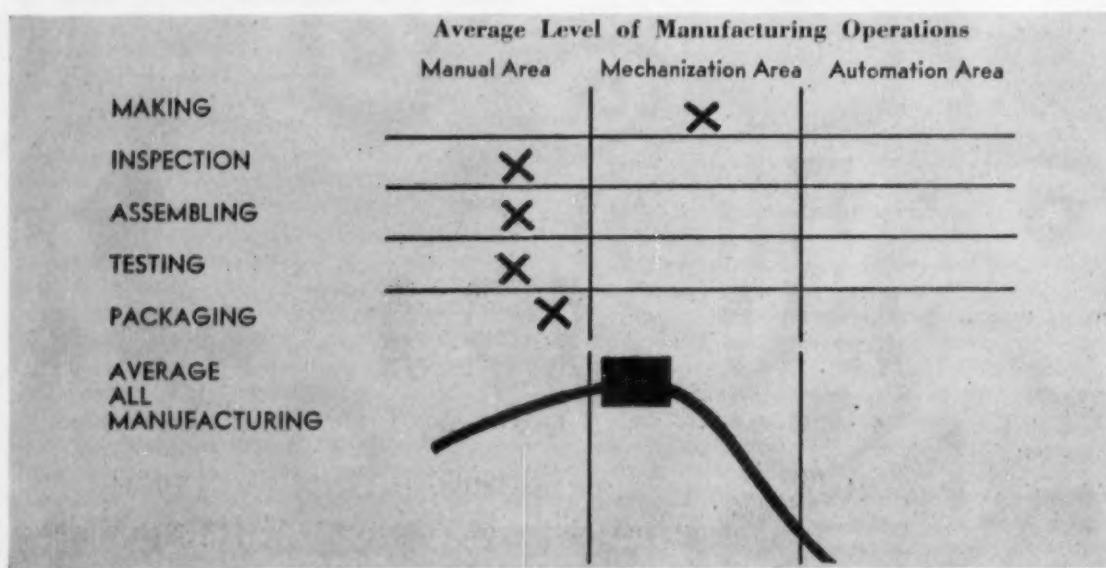
There is a place for Automation in each of our businesses—large or small. The extent to which it can be applied economically is determined not by the size of the business but rather by the volume and nature of the products manufactured. In job shop functions, there are often some high-volume operations (with many manual operations) that lend themselves to automatic manufacturing methods. While we have been looking at automation at the product level it generally takes place several steps below that level. In other words, automation is generally applied to components and subassemblies of a complete product. For instance, the four legs of the chair in the *Mechanization Area* possibly could be automated.

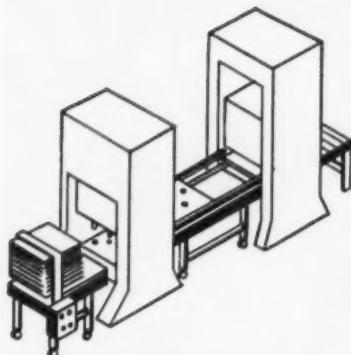
### Low-Production Items

Even with low-production items, such as large motors, the production of laminations—which is high—may be automated. Another example, would be a turbine blade in a jet engine. Here, the production of jet engines is low but the number of turbine blades required per engine is high. An entire department or section need not be automated—it may be only a few machines at first, then progressively, as experience is gained, Automation may be applied to other operations.

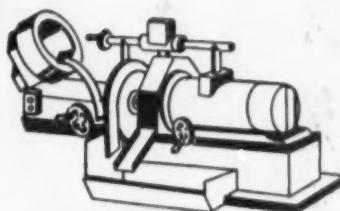
Now let's see how all of this affects people and manufacturing facilities.

Skills in the *Manual Area* are being progressively upgraded until we require the mental skills in the *Automation Area*. Also, the *manual* direct labor-work will be progressively transformed into work which will be cleaner, easier, safer, and more rewarding for the worker who—through the process of automation

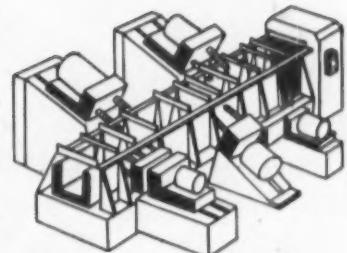




CLASS A: Standard Machines with Transfer Equipment Added



CLASS B: Standard Machines Equipped with Transfer Mechanisms



CLASS C: Special Machines Using Standard Components

### Classification of Equipment in Automation Area

itself—will be trained for the more skillful accomplishments and assisted towards the better jobs of the future.

The trend toward automation has already played a big part in upgrading the labor force. For one thing it takes a specialist with a high degree of skill to run many of the new machines. For another, the problems of maintenance multiply as the machines become more complex. Thus, both the operator and the maintenance man have been upgraded and generally have gained their new skills on the job.

Now let's look at the manufacturing facilities again, and see how the material handling equipment is integrated with the process equipment when we reach the *Automation Area*.

To simplify the discussion of equipment in the *Automation Area*, we have divided it into three broad classes—Class A: Standard machines with transfer equipment *added*. A large number of existing machines may be automated today by the addition of transfer equipment.

Class B: Standard machines *equipped* with transfer mechanisms. Many machines may be purchased, today, equipped with transfer mechanisms, or they are designed for the addition of such equipment.

Class C: Special machines using standard components *with* transfer equipment. This class of equipment usually is intended for special applications combining several operations.

One way to tell in which manufacturing area your operations lie is to look at your plant layout, for this is the summation of all manufacturing planning in visual form. In it you can see your material handling equipment, process equipment and to a certain extent, product design and standardization. Your plant layout also indicates the amount of direct and indirect labor; that is, the graduations of labor skills from the purely manual to the purely mental.

Now what type of layout have we in a *Manual Area*? It is a *process* layout, where the punch presses are in one section, assembly in another section, painting and finishing in still another. Here the parts are moved in lots from one section to another, with each section performing its own operations.

In the *Mechanization Area* there is a *combination* of a process layout and a product layout. Here the high-volume parts have been taken out and set up in a product layout.

A *product layout* is where the equipment is arranged in the order of the operations required by the product. It is the straight-line type of layout where you may have a punch press, an assembly operation, and a finishing operation all in the same area.

As we progress into the *Automation Area* we find that the whole section is laid out around the product layout where the material flows between operations.

It is up to *Management*—management with vision, enthusiasm, imagination, and courage—to apply Automation, this *new way of manufacturing*, to their business. They must determine the degree of automation that their business requires and can support economically—then develop an over-all, progressive, step-by-step program, and see that it is properly carried out. Management must also determine what changes will be made, whether in training programs, product design, standardization, manufacturing processes, equipment, or plant layout. Some, or perhaps all, of these may have to be altered in order to execute a successful automation program.

The trend towards Automation will become increasingly irresistible in the years ahead, and the diehards who refuse to accept it will, over a long period of time, find that they no longer are competitive with the rest of industry.

The effect of Automation will be felt on all functions of the business—not just manufacturing and engineering alone. At first, the influence will be slight, but as the continuous automatic production concept is carried out, the effect will become all-inclusive. To be competitive in the years ahead, industry must be planning its *progressive steps to automation* today.

Mr. Alspach first included this information in a talk he gave during the recent AIEE Conference on Machine Tools, in Detroit. FLOW thanks the American Institute of Electrical Engineers for the opportunity to present this article.



TRUCK'S FORKS run directly into forge, pick up die after production run, return it to storage.

## Douglas Cuts Die-Handling Costs

**D**OUGLAS Aircraft's El Segundo, California Division is setting records when it comes to efficient and rapid handling of dies between storage areas and the drop hammer departments.

Die storage and handling used to be a costly, time-consuming procedure when dies were taken out of storage, loaded on trailers, towed to a hammer, lifted from the trailers and then placed in position. Not only did this procedure consume time, but valuable production hours were also lost by men waiting at the hammers for a new die to be placed into position and the

old die removed. Die handling under old methods was hazardous, since there was the danger that dies would be dropped, workers injured and facilities damaged.

Handling of dies at Douglas is a major problem when you consider that more than 6000 dies weighing up to 39,000 pounds each are stored in an inside and an outside storage area that encompasses five acres. Most of the dies are located in the outside storage area which is 40 feet wide and 2000 feet long. Each set of dies is catalogued, marked and assigned a definite location in the storage area.



HUGE DIE is lifted up and into forge by 18,000-pound capacity fork truck. One man does entire job easily.

Five die handling fork trucks have helped this company cut its handling costs appreciably and have increased productivity by faster handling. This equipment includes a 25,000-pound, three 18,000-pound, and a 10,000-pound capacity fork truck. All are equipped with hydraulically adjustable forks.

#### New Handling Plan

The new plan of handling dies from storage to forge operates in the following sequence: At the hammer house the crew has completed a production run on one part and wants to start a new production run on a different die. The identification number of the new dies is phoned to a central dispatch station which is in 2-way radio contact with the fork trucks. The dispatcher sends one fork truck to the forge to remove the old die and return it to its location in storage. A second truck is dispatched to die storage to select the new die and carry it to the drop hammer department. This operation can be accomplished in one of several ways, depending upon the die.

#### Three Methods Used

Using one method, a fork truck with a yoke and chain to which metal dowels are attached is placed over the forks and swung into position. The metal dowels are slipped into holes which have been sunk in the dies. The forks are elevated, the die is lifted out of storage and carried up to and placed in the forge.

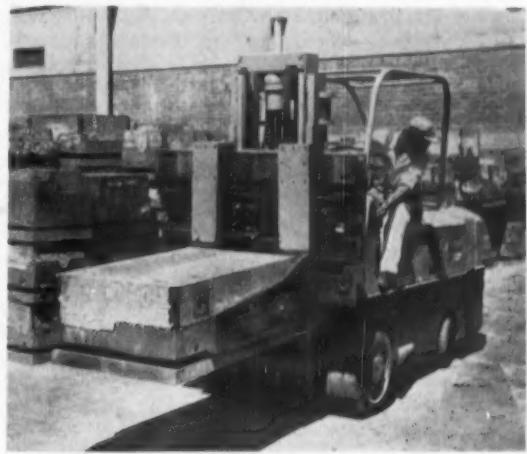
Other dies are handled by inserting the forks of the truck directly into channels which have been built into the base of the die.

A third method of die handling is that the forks are hydraulically squeezed together so that the inside edges of the forks fit into grooves which have been cut in the outside edges of the female die.

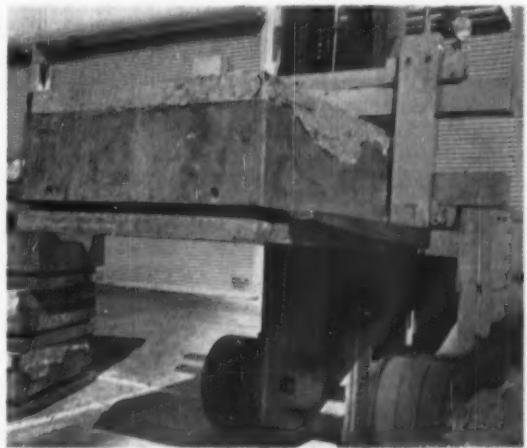
The teamwork created by these fork lift trucks working in conjunction with each other keeps productive time at the hammers at a high level and has helped increase production of five different Navy carrier planes at this plant.



TWO-WAY RADIO speeds handling—directs truck operators to die storage area, hammer house, forge.



FORK TRUCK returns dies to storage area where they are systematically stacked four and five high.



GROOVE cut into base of female dies simplifies handling, as operator merely slides forks into the slots.

# A Practical Manual of Material Handling Procedure

## Installment 8

### Section 9: ELEMENTS OF A PROBLEM AND GENERAL RULES

By Robert C. Brady

THE CHECK LIST and flow chart with a flow diagram pinpoint the step by step procedure of material flow. But they do not give us all the information on elements which must be considered. In general, what is the *total* problem; what does it include, and what is the final objective?

Specifically, data must be gathered on the following elements in a material handling problem: (Review Section 2, *Types of Materials Handled*, and Section 3, *Types of Handling Movements*.)

1. **Materials:** Properties, characteristics, size, shape, dimensions, weight and quantity.
2. **Containers:** Description, size, shape, etc.
3. **Movements:** Routing, distance, origin and destination.
4. **Frequency and speed:** How often, how fast, what are production cycles and daily requirements?
5. **Float and storage requirements:** How much and where is the material to be stored.
6. **Building facilities:** Ramps, roadways, elevators, etc.
7. **Labor:** Who moves the material?
8. **Equipment.**
9. **Cost:** Putting all of the other elements together and adding a price to them will give a cost of material handling in your facilities.

This type of analysis automatically determines whether or not existing facilities will effectively accommodate the required work load. At the same time reductions, additions or modifications that may be required to present buildings can be determined. With this kind of data properly recorded, a review can be made at any time.

Obtaining a good, practical solution and your final objective depends on two further elements. First, basic data, such as we have suggested, and a thorough analysis of that data. As in any other scientific or mathematical problem, there are many rules, specific and general, which must be followed. In reviewing over 85 such rules, we find that they fall into five major operational functions of management. These are *methods, planning layout, working conditions, train-*

*ing personnel and equipment.*

#### Methods

##### 1. **Perform only necessary operations.**

Unnecessary picking up, moving and setting down add to overall operation cost.

##### 2. **Determine best methods.**

It is necessary to establish the best methods of handling with regard to particular conditions.

##### 3. **Eliminate handling by production workers.**

In every time study, a large proportion of time is given to the handling of material to and from processing equipment. Sheet feeding tables, stock positioners, conveyors and other types of equipment help to reduce handling by production workers.

##### 4. **Synchronize operations.**

Where an operation is dependent on a previous operation, synchronize the time so that full effort is gained from all workers and equipment.

##### 5. **Avoid manual transfers.**

Provide adequate equipment so as to eliminate transfer of material from floor to container and vice-versa, or from container to container.

##### 6. **Avoid sorting.**

Don't mix materials; keep sorting to a minimum. Also provide means for accurate count of items.

##### 7. **Investigate packaging, containers and unit loading.**

Consider the possibilities of protective packaging, containers, unit loads and self-supporting units of raw and finished materials so that advantages of mechanized handling may be used.

##### 8. **Provide mechanical aids.**

These can increase the speed of handling operations, reduce overall production time, reduce the amount of material between processes and increase the rate of capital turnover.

##### 9. **Fully utilise men and equipment.**

Lower unit cost of material handled depends on

great deal upon the full utilization of manpower and equipment available.

#### **10. Plan scheduling and control.**

Schedule handling operations, schedule delivery and removal of materials to avoid delays, control materials to utilize maximum capacity of handling system set-up.

#### **Planning Layout**

Material handling operations are only as effective as the physical layout will permit. There are in existence many factors which contribute to unnecessary handling of materials. Not many engineers, for instance, are given a new building to lay out—one which has unlimited opportunities for putting in proper aisle widths, sufficient storage capacities and other items conducive to good handling operations. Most attempts to correlate material handling and plant layout are concerned with buildings with physical dimensions already established.

#### **1. Keep overall problem in mind.**

A survey of the entire operation *in the beginning* will help in the solution of any individual departmental problems. Having data on overall requirements will prevent an installation, in one area, which would result in added handling farther on in operations. Knowing the overall problems will show the bottleneck areas which need attention first, when you are going at the problem in small pieces.

#### **2. Plan straight line routes.**

The basic concept of layout is the planned flow of materials. The application of material handling equipment makes possible a better flow between processing operations. The most effective use comes when materials are moved over a minimum of planned routes, which avoid congestion and delays resulting from back hauls, cross hauls, transfers and other unnecessary wasted movements.

#### **3. Coordinate the flow.**

Provide continuous flow when practical, and perform processing operations while materials are in motion if conditions permit. Provide adequate service when intermittent flow is required, and coordinate the flow of all materials which go into batches, sub-assemblies, etc.

#### **4. Lay out receiving and shipping areas.**

The following items should all be given consideration when checking receiving and shipping operations: Adequate area; location of area; building limitations; unloading layout, capacity and facilities; material handling equipment utilization; checking, weighing, and receiving inspection; local containerization; distribution facilities; distribution arrangements and accessibility; and provision for schedule changes, overloads, underloads and fluctuations.

#### **5. Lay out storage areas.**

The following factors are applicable to any storage area: Dimensions of storage areas; building

limitations (with safe floor-loading), location with regard to receiving, shipping and production; warehouse arrangement; arrangement for rate of stock turnover; plan for maximum-minimum capacity; first-in, first-out plan; ease of identification and inventory; accessibility of fast moving items; local containerization; standardization of containers and unit loads; full utilization of material handling equipment; and provision for schedule changes, overloads, underloads and fluctuations.

#### **6. Lay out production area.**

Arrange processing equipment for least amount of handling; provide maximum mechanization in flow of material; reduce work in process; establish intake and discharge points at processing and assembly areas; provide adequate aisles; insist on proper use of material handling equipment; position material at work level; arrange for inspection area, scrap removal and miscellaneous handling facilities; provide for local containerization and standardization of containers, identification and quantity, schedule changes, overloads, underloads and fluctuations; and arrange for alternate methods of handling.

#### **Working Conditions**

The application and usage of material handling equipment reduces the amount of man-handling of materials—back-breaking lifting and shifting.

#### **1. Increase safety.**

The high cost of lifting is one of the big hidden costs in material handling. The lifting and shifting of materials causes approximately 25 percent of industrial accidents; only 4 percent of the labor force causes them. Records prove that a safe factory is an efficient factory.

The provision of safety guards on equipment, insistence upon safe operating practices, good lighting, good housekeeping and other facilities for the comfort of the worker are all necessities in an accident-prevention campaign.

#### **2. Reduce fatigue.**

Studies of personnel show that productivity is increased as fatigue is reduced. Rest periods, mechanical equipment and other aids have been introduced in plants to make workers more alert, effective and safety conscious.

#### **Training Personnel**

The analytical approach to problems and specialized training programs are designed to overcome the limitations of "learning by experience".

#### **1. Whom to train.**

There is not a single group in operations which does not need material handling training. Top management, middle management and worker personnel all need to become acquainted with the fundamental rules of material handling and become conscious of how these rules affect their work and cut across all other industrial lines.

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# Conveyorized Storage for Small Items

**C**ONTINUOUS control of small component, parts, and commodities is a costly concern of many companies. How and where such control is exerted in a number of different types of firms—through use of bin boxes and conveyorized storage racks—shows the areas in which savings can be made.

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Through loading of bins with standard counts of items, inventory control is greatly simplified. One firm has reported that an installation paid off through savings in accounting procedure alone.

## Area Utilization

In addition to mobility and visibility, the bin-conveyor-rack arrangement utilizes maximum cubic area. Depth is the dimension most usually wasted because it must be limited to the reach of man or machine. Aisle space often actually exceeds storage area, especially in low-ceiling areas. There is virtually no limit to the length of racks upon which bins can be stored—and moved as desired—from one end to another.

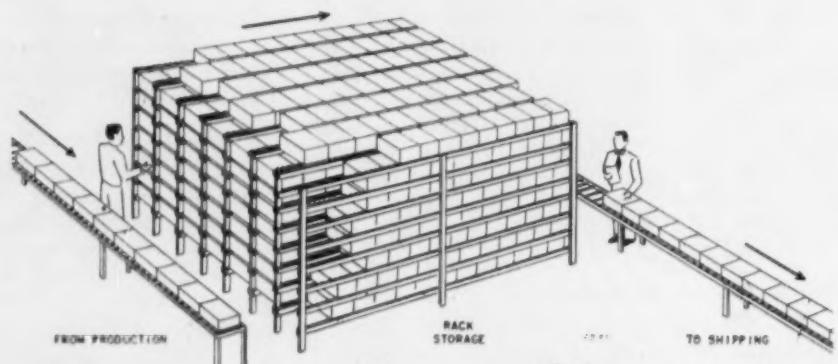
A paper products manufacturer, stocking thousands of items from which orders are accumulated, has found that a conveyorized storage system allows the selection of five items in an area formerly devoted to one.

With a skate-wheel rack system, an electrical manufacturer utilized space adjacent to assembly lines to assure a continuous flow of parts to assemblers.

A supermarket in the East installed a live-storage system to eliminate "stock-in-aisle" traffic jams and the expense of manual restocking. Conveyorized racks were set up with one end in the stock room, the other available to customers, for such items as detergents and soaps.

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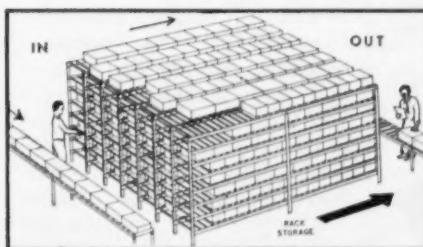
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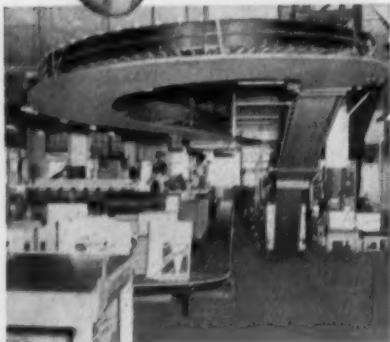


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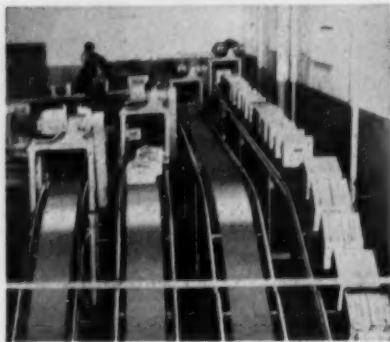
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### TRANSPORTATION . . .

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case. It should not always be considered as secondary.

The study of frequency and magnitude of demand has bearing upon a number of other transport considerations including:

1. Should products having widely differing demands be shipped in the same manner?
2. Should items having fairly constant demand of high frequency, but relatively low volume, receive special treatment or be handled in the same manner as items with higher magnitude and less frequency, and so on.

None of these problems is ever solved in the absolute sense. There is always a large element of—"Are the objectives and assumptions consistent with each other?" "Are the assumptions reasonably consistent with the facts of life?" It is really through the examination of these facets of the problem that the intellectual integration is obtained.

As examples, we build a number of scientific devices in which the sensitive element is quite small and light and in which the accurate life is no more than several years. The rest of the device is relatively indestructible. A rebuilt device with a new sensitive element is, therefore, considered as equal to a new device by most users. Within the industry there is, then, a pool of sub-assemblies that may be used as a basis for rebuilding. Of course, a certain number of completely new devices must be built from the ground up each year to take care of increased use of the device as well.

The cost of these devices is dominated by certain bulky elements best supplied by subcontractors and the various transport costs. In the case of the new device, these account for 50 percent of the cost; in the case of a rebuilt device, rebuilt at a centralized factory where the usable parts must be sent back to a single location, transport may be as high as 70 percent of the cost. We have here then a problem



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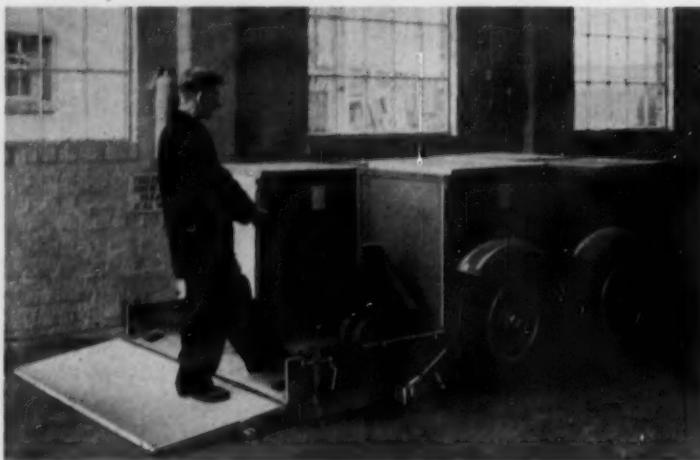
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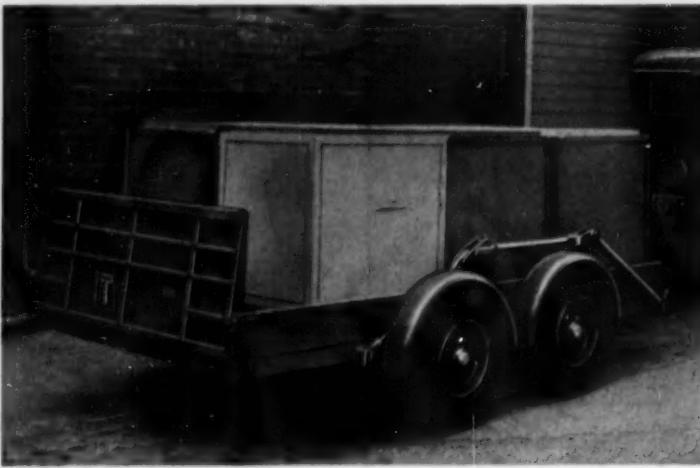
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## TRANSPORTATION

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where transport is a major consideration.

We have here then a high transport cost and a fixed set of distribution points that include:

1. Present distributors
2. Present manufacturing facilities
3. Present location of suppliers of the bulky elements, each of which we identify as 1, 2, 3, up to  $n$ , respectively, with  $i$  being a typical point or city.

By what means can we arrive at a most economical manufacture and distribution of these devices—a part of which is rebuilt, a part new? Will manufacture and rebuilding at one location be more economical than manufacture and rebuilding at a number of locations—with back and forth transport of material a larger portion of the total cost? If a number of locations are chosen, what portion of a given demand should be supplied from each decentralized manufacturing center for maximum economy, and to where? How many such centers of manufacture shall there be?

Although this problem may be extreme, it also has in it the elements of a more typical problem—where shall geographically dispersed warehouses be located?

The problem is not difficult to formulate between two typical cities  $i$  and  $j$ , but it becomes exceedingly complicated if we are considering a larger number or a more general case. What we wish to do is minimize the total cost over all  $n$  cities.

Consider the formula which begins by illustrating the costs between two cities  $i$  and  $j$ .

**COST = MANUFACTURING COST + INVESTMENT COST**  
at, say, city  $i$  + PURCHASE COST of parts for devices that might be made at city  $i$  + TRANSPORT COST OF NEW OR REBUILT DEVICES from city  $i$  to  $j$  + TRANSPORT COST OF PARTS used or new from city  $j$  to city  $i$ .

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**TRANSPORTATION**

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Manufacturing cost for a volume  $x_i = f_i(x_i)$

Investment cost for a volume  $x_i = kg_i(x_i)$

Purchase costs for a volume  $x_i = cp_i$

Transport cost of device  $s_{ij}$  from city  $i$  to city  $j = a_{ij}s_{ij}$

Transport cost of  $t_{ij}$  parts from city  $j$  to city  $i = b_{ij}t_{ij}$

we must minimize the sum of such costs for all cities that may be involved minimize

$$\{ \sum_i [f_i(x_i) + kg_i(x_i) + cp_i] + \sum_{ij} [a_{ij}s_{ij} + b_{ij}t_{ij}] \}$$

The expression is of course subject to a number of constraints such as the number of devices shipped from city  $i$  to  $j$  must be not greater than the number manufactured at city  $i$ , and so on.

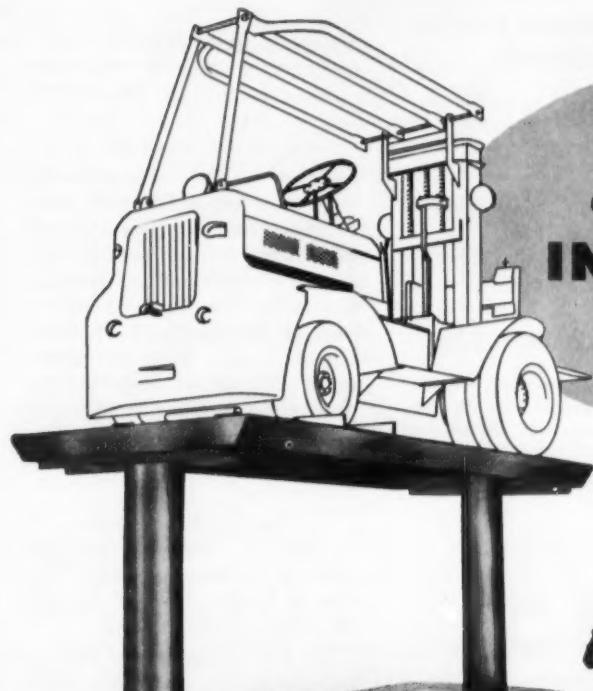
Depending upon the form of  $f_i(x_i)$ ,  $g_i(x_i)$ , this problem is known as a linear or non-linear program. In either case, it is solvable by well-known methods, and we can find values of quantity to be manufactured, quantity to be shipped from one location, and so on, that will minimize the expression. When they are found, they will indicate the cities in which manufacturing should take place. The quantities  $s_{ij}$  and  $t_{ij}$  specify the flow of parts and finished devices between cities. The approach is essentially open-minded—any solution from a centralized manufacturing system to a completely decentralized system is possible, depending upon the actual data put in.

F. E. Cummings: "Coordination of the Freight Traffic and Material Handling Functions."

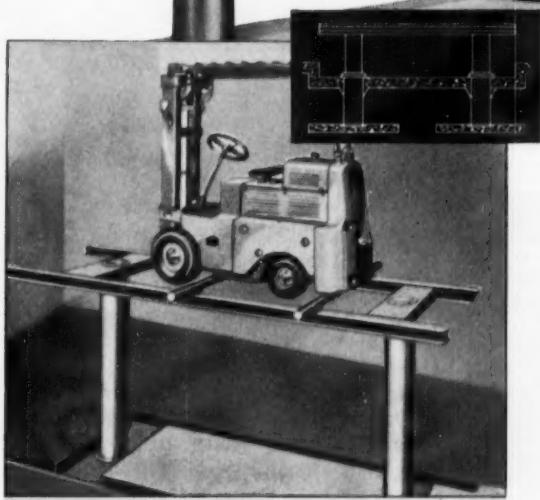
Before evaluating the relative positions of the traffic man and the material handling engineer, I would like to define the material distribution function—which is evaluated in terms of the speed and economy with which finished goods move to the consumer. We prefer to use the term "physical

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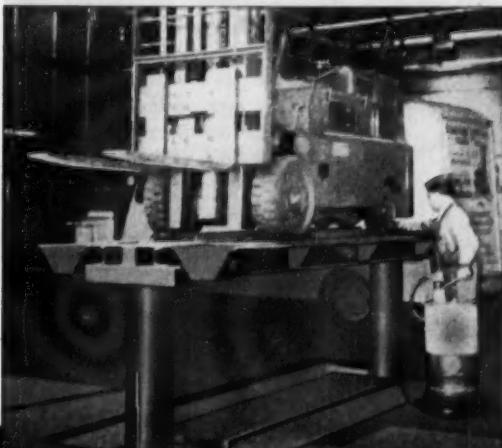
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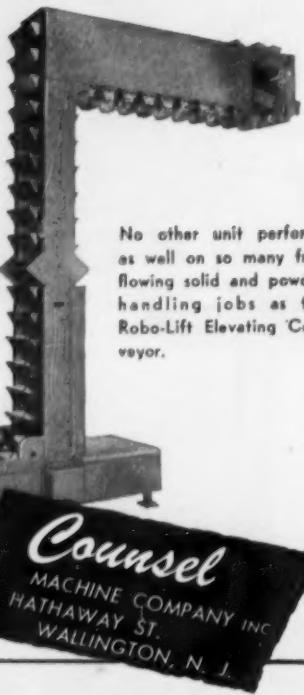
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distribution" since material moves only when subjected to physical effort or some other force. Physical distribution is the "control, storage, and movement" of material and covers the shipment and receipt of raw material for processing, inter- and intra-plant movement, shipping to distribution centers, warehousing, and delivery.

Basically, there are three main functions concerned with physical distribution:

**1. The Traffic Manager.** He is primarily concerned with the external movement of material before and after it passes through the manufacturing process.

**2. The Warehouse Superintendent.** He may have other titles, but his function is the receipt of goods, storage, delivery to processing, packing, and crating and shipping. Internal transportation normally reports to him.

It should be noted that both of the above are directly concerned with the "control, storage, and movement of material".

**3. The Material Handling Engineer.** He has no direct concern with the control of the movement of material except in the solution of specific problems. His responsibility is usually limited to problems within the confines of the company property and subject to handling by company personnel.

The very nature of the three functions automatically gives rise to problems requiring coordination. Both the traffic and warehousing functions are concerned with and responsible for the direct flow of material into and out of the plant. They are constantly encountering requirements of detail which must be met immediately and not necessarily in the best way.

**R. C. Wahner: "Effect of New Material Handling Equipment and Concepts on Transportation."**

The progression of new material handling methods has had a direct effect on the level of tonnage offered to the various forms of transport. In certain industries, some

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forms of transportation have been aggressive in designing equipment specifically for the needs of that industry. But, by and large, transportation has not kept pace with the development of handling methods in industrial plants.

It is unfortunate that the bulk of railroad rolling stock effectively prevents good material handling beyond the car door. The speed with which railroads provide equipment with wider-door, compartmentized sections and damage-free loading devices will directly effect their carloadings if they take advantage of the unlimited tonnage capacity and, where practical, provide higher minimums with corresponding lower rates per hundredweight.

#### Highway Handling Lagging

If the motor carriers believe their future assured, a word of caution: material handling in industry is outpacing regulated motor transportation. Development of unitized loads is encouraging industry to favor contract, lease, or private carriers because unitized loads can most efficiently be handled in special equipment not generally available today—such as lengthwise compartmentation of trailers, to support palletized loads and integral conveyors on truck floors to ease loading and unloading unitized loads.

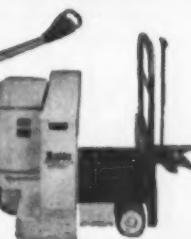
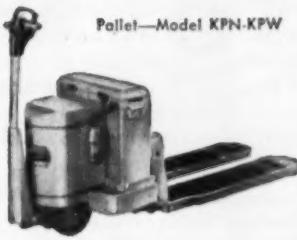
In industry, the perfect climate for the practice of automation occurs where orders for the finished products are placed in advance of production. For example, several of our outstanding national bakeries secure orders from their customers for delivery two or three weeks hence, and production begins on receipt of the order at the production point.

The traffic manager of today cannot consider the unit cost of transportation between point of origin and destination without considering his handling cost to utilize that carrier—as well as the effect of the means of transportation on the cost of unloading to his customer. When evaluating handling costs, it is entirely possible for us to use a higher rated form of transportation and still achieve a lower overall cost.

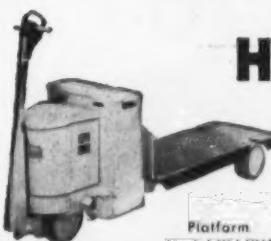
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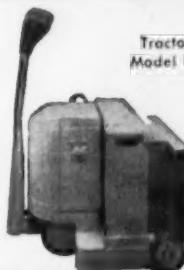
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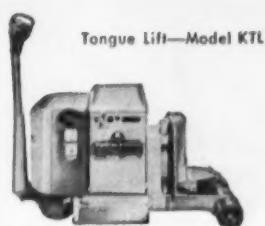
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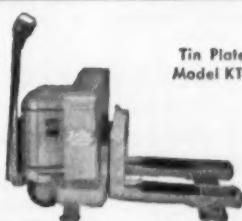
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J. C. Emery: "Reducing Distribution Costs Through Shipper-Carrier Cooperation."

To reduce distribution costs, we must look first for ways to improve the transportation available to industry. But, second, we must look for ways in which industry can make better use of transportation facilities at its command.

The best transportation service loses much of its value if its users in industry fail to adjust their own operations to take full advantage of it. Conversely, even a deficient transportation service can be used fairly effectively by industry if the effort within industry is made.

### Communications Provide Marked Improvements

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tion operation, it welds the entire facility into a single, integrated working unit. With the electronic communications system, information and orders are passed in seconds instead of by messenger in dragging minutes, for a sharp improvement in the utilization of manpower and equipment.

The savings to the carriers which have been derived from material handling equipment are remarkable. On railroad docks in Baltimore, 10 fork-lift trucks have reduced handling costs from \$1.26 to less than 90 cents per ton. In another instance, similar equipment intelligently used has increased work output per man hour by 75 per cent.

Shipper-carrier cooperation is matched, in its importance to the solution of distribution difficulties, by inter-carrier integration. Coordination of all the different types of transportation has long been recognized as the key to the best in service to shippers. Coordination is not easy for competing carriers, for a variety of obvious reasons, so that in the past it has had to rely on the initiative, ingenuity and routing freedom of shippers themselves. But now, effective coordination is being devised by the railroads, motor carriers, waterway operators and air carriers themselves.

The heart of manufacturing is the assembly line, in one form or another. Materials, parts, and sub-assemblies are brought together at one end or along the sides of this line. The finished, assembled product emerges at the other end. Economy stands or falls at the assembly line, and it results from uninterrupted flow.

Of course, a fast and predictable carrier service, while potentially very useful indeed, will have actual value to industry only to the degree that shippers themselves capitalize on it to their advantage. The carrier can only offer the service which seems to be what the shipper needs. It is the shipper himself who must put his imagination to work, look at his operation as if he were starting it from scratch, and consider how he might rearrange his facilities and personnel on the foundation of the better transportation available.

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If we have imagination and courage, and if we work together, we can indeed reduce the high cost of distribution. Further changes in carrier services may be necessary, just as changes in industrial practices probably are required. These changes do not come easily. They require hard effort, often much time and always much money. But I am sure I can speak for all carriers when I say that we are eager to help work out the improvements in our distributional techniques and to provide the fast, predictable transportation service on which they will be based.

W. F. Rockwell, Jr.: "Material Distribution in 1960."

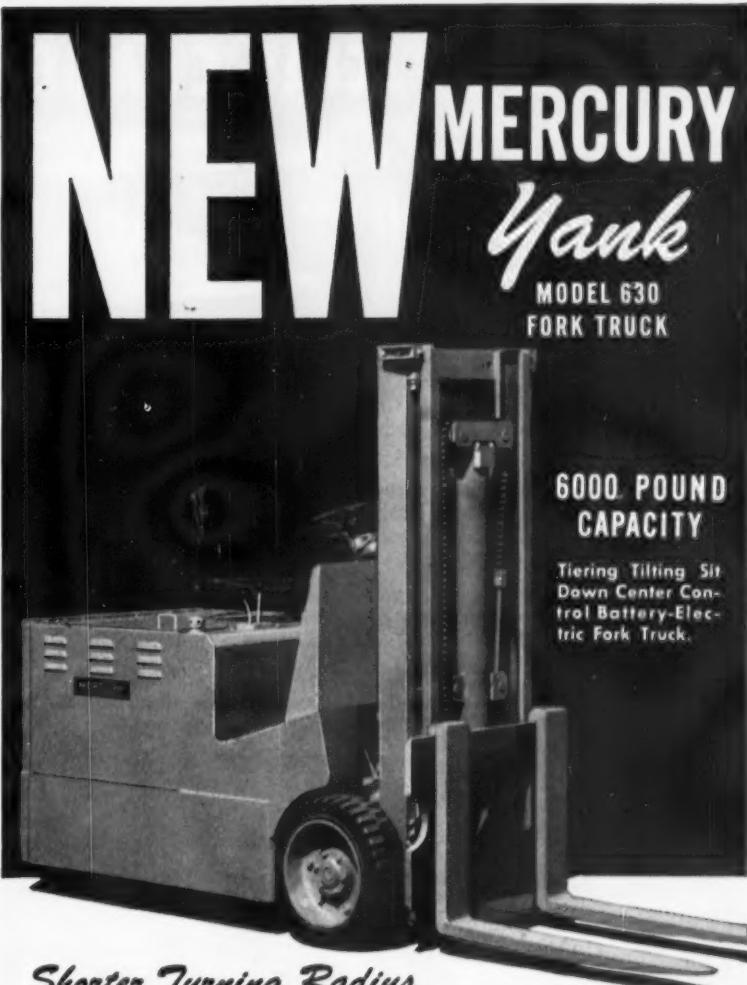
The word "integration" has particular significance in our day and age. It reflects the tenor of the times, not only in the business world but also in our whole manner of thinking.

We're witnessing a change in emphasis from the specialization of knowledge to the integration of knowledge. Many educators believe that, regardless of one's field of endeavor, a man can do a better job after he has had a broader and fuller basic education than he can with a highly specialized course of study. Even the ardent exponents of vocational and technical education admit the desirability of a curriculum broadened to include what was once known as "the humanities." Researchers speak of the cross-fertilization of ideas that is borne out of knowledge in many diversified areas.

We must re-survey the particulars of science and technology and come up with new approaches and new ideas. But to develop the new broader fields of knowledge, we must again develop versatile men.

Management, too, must learn to integrate its approach to planning for, supervising and operating a plant or company. Only by developing a broader, more fundamental outlook can management free itself from the morass of piece-meal activity. Only then can imagination and creative thought be applied for the continued, successful growth of our industrial society.

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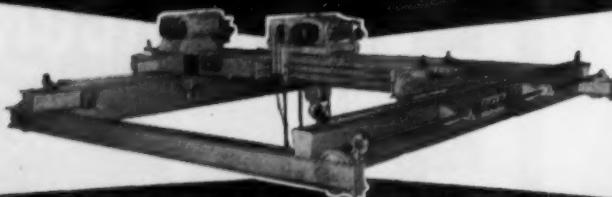
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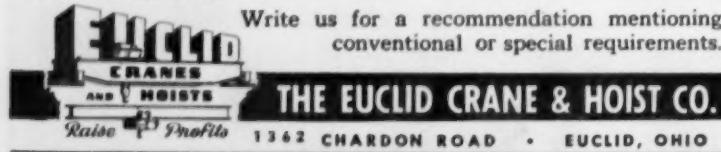
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that manufactures a product, whether it's gaseous, liquid or solid. Such a unit is representative of every plant in every industry that deals in tangible goods. Broadly speaking, every plant performs three operations—operations on matter.

These are *The Three "M's"*, namely: *Measurement, Modification, Movement*.

Measurement, the first "M", encompasses the quality and quantity control over a product or a process by the evaluation of dimension, weight, mass, composition, temperature and numerous other factors. Equipment used for "Measurement" can vary from a simple weight scale or foot-rule to complex mechanical or electronic instrumentation.

Modification, the second "M", encompasses changing the physical or chemical state or form of the gaseous, liquor or solid matter which constitutes the product. Modification, then, covers every step of the actual manufacturing process from raw material to packaged product.

Movement, the third "M", encompasses the horizontal or vertical transportation of matter from all sources of supply to the plant, within the plant and from the plant to branches, warehouses, dealers and distributors—and eventually to the ultimate consumer of the product at the point of consumption.

The three "M's" sum up all the direct activities of any company in almost any production cycle. I have, of course, neglected such activities as sales promotion, advertising, market research, accounting, purchasing, engineering and others. This isn't from a lack of appreciation of their importance but because they represent a class of problems not specifically included in what I've tried to define as "an operation on matter."

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at best a necessary evil to be avoided as much as possible.

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But who has paid attention to Movement? Brute physical force is still being used for pushing and pulling, lifting and setting down, bringing in and taking out.

Let's look more closely at the general problem of Movement. If you'll recall some of your high school physics, you'll remember the concepts of work and energy. Heat energy is measured in B.T.U.'s, electrical energy is measured in joules and mechanical energy in foot-pounds. Work or energy is defined in physics as the product of force and distance—hence the term foot-pound. In everyday terms

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### Caster Group Elects New Officers



Kenneth F. Heath (left), newly-elected president of the Caster & Floor Truck Manufacturers Association, receives the gavel from James S. Hanson, retiring president. Other officers elected by the group at the Fall meeting include D. B. Anderson, vice president, and O. T. Henkle, Jr., treasurer. Directors are J. S. Hanson, H. A. Ford and J. W. Hutchison.

### Credit Due

A feature article in FLOW for this past September—titled, "Order Picking System Provides One-Day Wholesale Service"—described a highly mechanized operation which recently was activated at Philadelphia Wholesale Drug Co. Inadvertently, no mention was made of the fact that planning, layout and engineering—as well as initial survey and studies—were handled by Ross & Company of New York, N. Y.



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### Steel Storage Equipment:

New items added to the firm's line of steel shelving, cabinets and bins are included in a 16-page catalog, H4, offered by Bernard Franklin Co., Inc. Included is detailed information on applications, constructions and specifications.

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### Automatic Industrial Doors:

Just published by Clark Door Co., and available on request, is a booklet detailing automatic, electrically operated doors which are furnished in completely packaged units. Applications which expedite plant traffic and improve temperature and humidity control are described.

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### Handling By Hoist:

A fact folder gives precise descriptions, illustrations and references to further information covering six different types of hoists in capacities from 170 pounds to 60 tons. It is provided by The Harrington Company.

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### Hydraulic Die Handling Trucks:

In Bulletin No. 10, engineering specifications are given along with descriptions and photos of a new line of die handling trucks by Elwell-Parker Electric Co. Capacities range from 10,000 to 100,000 lbs. Hydraulic lift and die-pulling mechanism are said to supply the most common needs of stamping and forging plants, with high speed changing a principal accomplishment.

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### Truck Leveler:

A 40,000 lb. capacity, electric-hydraulic, adjustable ramp for lifting or lowering highway trucks—while loading or unloading—is the subject of a catalog and specification sheet offered by Rowe Methods, Inc. The equipment is intended to be installed in front of a loading dock to adjust the level of the carrier bed to that of the dock by push-button control.

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### Fiberglass Containers:

Properties, advantages, styles and applications of fiberglass containers are given in a booklet offered by Fiberglass Box Co., Inc.

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### Experiences with Batteries:

Offered to inform prospective users of industrial batteries of others' experiences, "On-the-Job Fact Sheets" of The Edison Storage Battery Div. of Thomas A.

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### Exhaust Fume Eliminator:

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### Straddle Truck For Bales:

An application of the Ross Series 70 Carrier in the cotton industry is described in the September issue of Clark Equipment News. The equipment carries loads 2½ miles to the dock, 15 bales to a load, and performs other tasks which are described in detail.

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### Applications for Hydraulic Crane:

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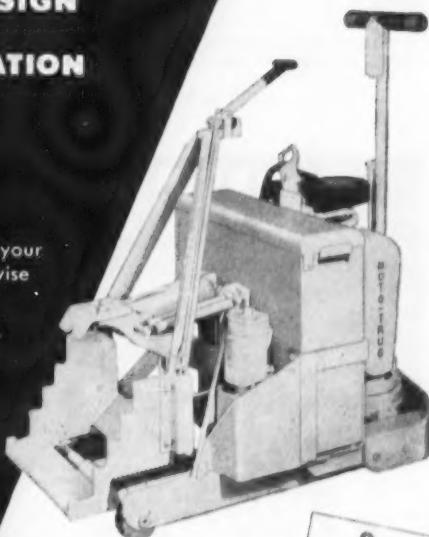
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## Monorail Tractor:

Practically any hoist, light overhead crane or other hand-powered traveling equipment can be converted to an electric power traveled unit by attachment of the Trojan Monorail Tractor—as explained in Bulletin 833 produced by Detroit Hoist and Machine Co.

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## Steel Stacker:

Vertical storage of steel is made easy by a rotating rack, as described in Bulletin R-120 from H. L. Bushman Co. Protection of material and conservation of space are two of the advantages pointed out.

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A brochure titled, "The ABC of the Repro-Templet Method of Plant Layout", provides sample materials, at no charge, to show how the system works. Materials include adhesive-backed, scale-size, opaque templates and a 1/4-inch scale grid sheet. Reproductions can be made directly by any standard printing method.

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## Conversion to LP-Gas:

A number of booklets and data sheets available from the Parkdale Co. offers concise details on equipment for the conversion, through Beam equipment, of gasoline burning engines to use LP-Gas. Advantages of the liquid petroleum fuel are also covered.

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*Paving the way for the new tax laws on depreciation, a House Ways and Means Committee report (HR No. 1337) stated, "The average machine . . . actually depreciates considerably more and contributes more to income in its early years of use than it does in the years immediately preceding its retirement."*

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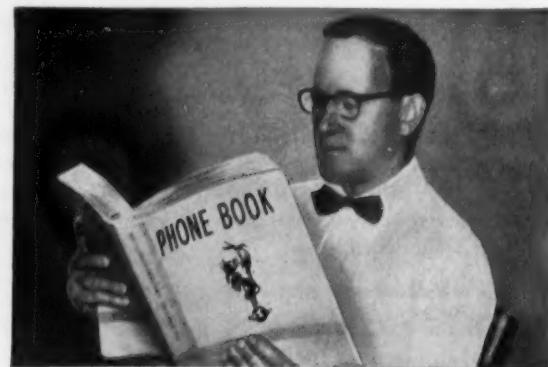
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has been produced for the trade by the Packing Equipment Division of Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation. The new bulletin shows the many jobs that can be performed by automatic electric counters.

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### Vibrating Conveyor:

A 230-page catalog on its line of vibrating conveyors has been published by The Jeffrey Manufacturing Company. The catalog covers feeders, conveyors, coolers, dryers, mixers, controls and magnetic separators, among other items of interest.

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### Carbon Black Proportioning:

A remote-controlled system for proportioning carbon blacks in rubber compounding operations is described and illustrated in a new technical reference offered by Richardson Scale Company.

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### Bulk Handling:

Various types of equipment and structures for handling coal, ore and other bulk materials are described in a 32-page illustrated booklet published by Dravo Corporation.

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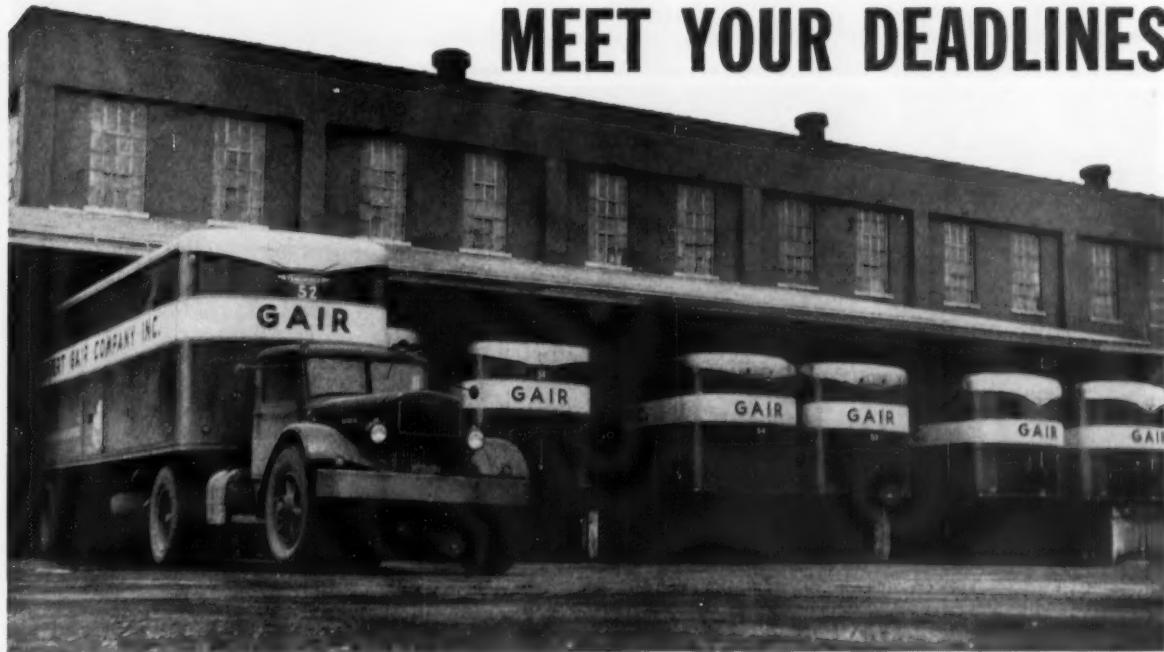
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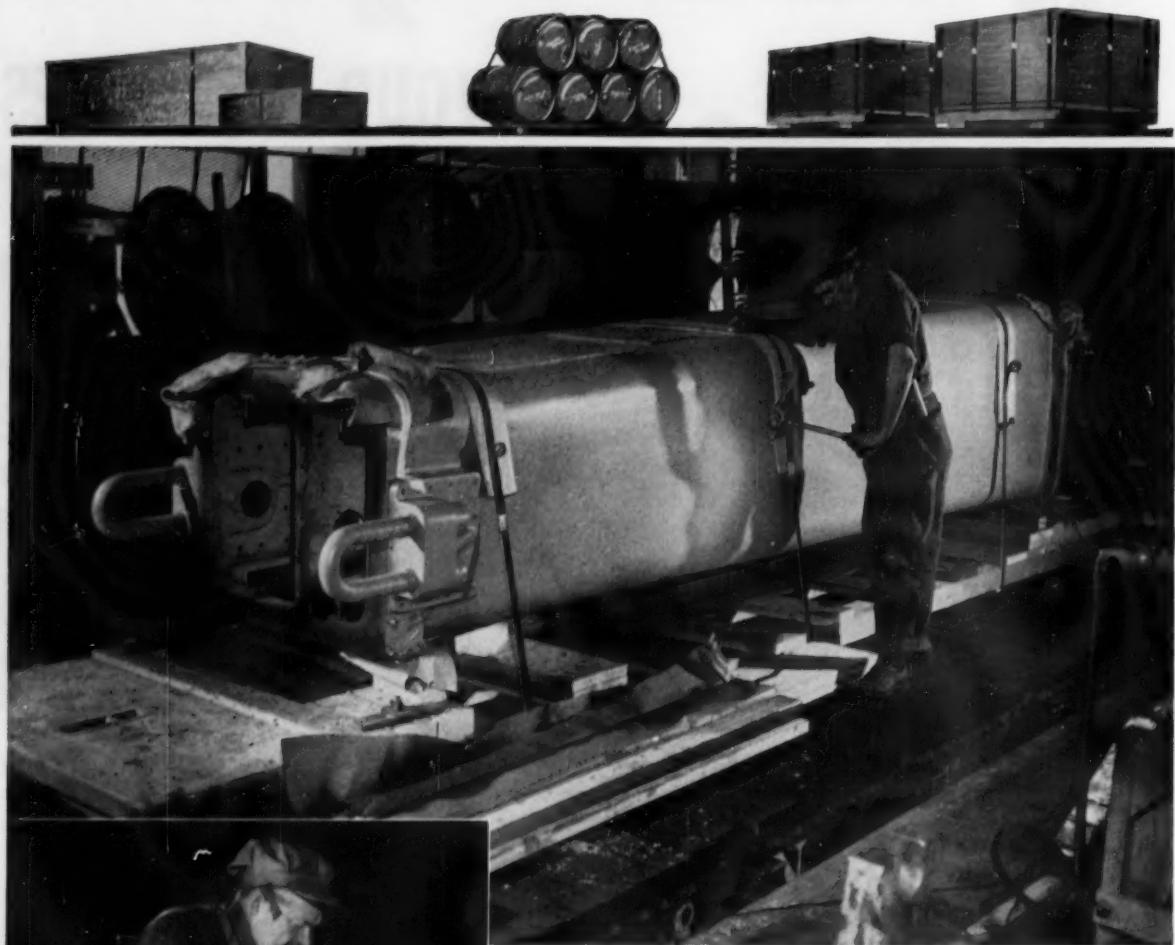
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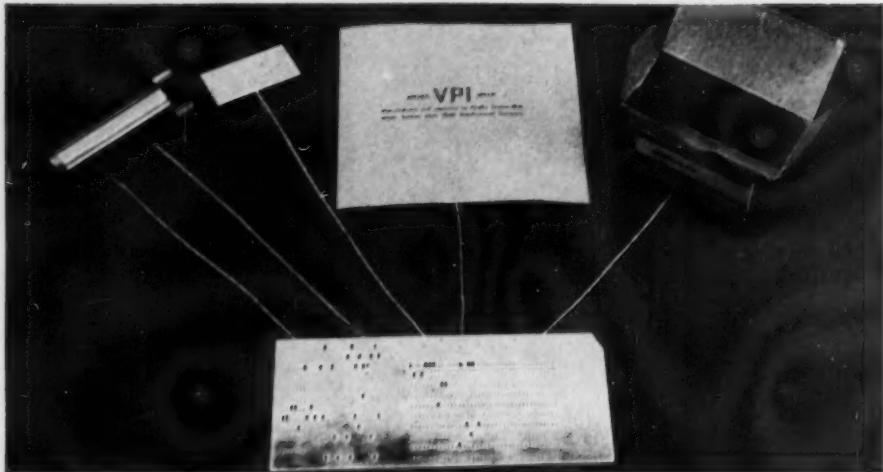
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**PUNCH CARDS** control pre-packaging and inventory of service parts at Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. This card is the process and packaging card and tells part number, part name, quantity required in each package, cleaning and preservation steps which are required prior to packaging, wrapping materials which must be used, type and size of container and the type of cushioning required, if any. Another punch card contains inventory information.



**SERVICE PARTS DEPARTMENT** has been established as a separate section at Yale. In the photograph above can be seen the department's parts storage area to the right and packaging for shipment area in foreground. Parts remain under the department's jurisdiction from the time they are received until they have been packaged and loaded on pallets for shipment.

**PROCESSING AREA** (left) includes tanks for various dips and rinses to remove rust, finger prints and other matter which might result in damage to machined parts. These steps are specified on the punch card which accompanies the parts from receiving to pre-packaging.



DRAWER FILE in receiving area contains two cards for each parts order issued by the service parts department. Clerk at left pulls inventory card and packaging card from file. Clerk at right makes up gummed labels for packages, using packaging card for his information.

## Punch-Card Control of Pre-Packaging and Inventory

SPEED and efficiency in filling orders for replacement parts and reduced in-transit damage to material shipped have been the major benefits derived from a pre-packaging plan recently installed at Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. Success of the operation can be attributed largely to two factors: (1) the setting up of a separate department responsible solely for service parts; (2) a punch-card system which controls inventory and packaging of more than 21,000 replacement parts for hoists and industrial trucks which the company manufactures.

### Separate Department Organized

Formerly, there was no specific service parts department and parts orders from the field were edited by a section of the general office force, then turned over to the production department. That department was primarily responsible for unit production, and furnishing replacement parts to the field was actually a secondary function.

As the company grew and unit production demands increased, the dual responsibility arrangement became

unsatisfactory. Service parts were drawn from general stores as were parts for unit production. Sometimes, to meet production requirements, it became necessary to give priority to requests for material to be used on new equipment and orders for replacement parts could not be filled as quickly as they should.

The first remedial step in the new program was the physical separation of service parts from unit parts. A service parts department was established to control its own inventory.

Paper work pertaining to service parts is now the responsibility of the new department too. Every order for parts is turned over to the service parts department's own office force upon receipt from the field. It is their baby from then until the order is filled and shipped. As a result of the separation of inventory and control functions pertaining to parts, the company is able to fill all regular parts orders within 48 hours and emergency orders within two hours after they are received.

Because replacement parts were previously drawn from unit stores under no predetermined plan, it was impossible to establish any standards for packaging

## PUNCH CARD CONTROL

*Continued*

methods. Items were simply wrapped in paper or placed in some type of container, if it seemed necessary, and shipped.

Now, with service parts stocked as shelf-items, systematic pre-packaging is possible with most of the parts. Packaging standards have been established to provide for protection against moisture, shock, vibration and all the shipping and handling hazards which parts going to the field are liable to encounter.

### Punch-Card Control

Behind the efficient inventory keeping and the systematic pre-packaging at Yale & Towne is a punch-card control system. It permits accurate maintenance of inventory of parts and the packaging materials they will need . . . it aids substantially in the achievement of speed in filling of orders . . . it spells out the pre-packaging procedure for every item on which a packaging standard has been established.

Tabulation on punch-cards of daily transactions for

the service parts department is performed each night by a second shift. This procedure insures that a previous day's transactions have been properly recorded with the start of operations every morning, and results in rapid determination of proper inventory levels. To assure an adequate supply of parts on its shelves, the service parts department places orders on four-month requirements based on past and current usage.

### Receiving Clerk Pulls Cards

When a quantity of a particular part is received the receiving clerk pulls two cards from a drawer file located in his department. The first is a pre-punched receiver card which is merely a duplicate of the original order placed by the service parts department with Yale's production or purchasing department.

After verifying the count in the incoming shipment, the receiving clerk sends the receiver card to inventory control where a check is made against possible customer back-orders. If any parts are owed to customers they must be set aside before any use may be made of the balance of incoming materials.

The entire shipment is then taken to a pre-packaging area. From there, items tabbed to fill back orders are sent to shipping. The remainder are sent to storage.



**DE-CODING KEY** placed above packager's work table (arrow) makes it easy to interpret information on process and packaging card. This precision part is first wrapped in rust inhibiting paper, then it is placed in a metal-edge box and finally a pre-made label is affixed to it. Packaged parts are then sent to storage or are used to fill customer back-orders if necessary.



The second card which the receiving clerk removes from his file is a process and packaging card. It spells out, in code, the step-by-step cleaning and packaging procedures which have been established for the parts just received.

It also furnishes information for use in marking packages. Gummed labels which will be affixed to each package are made up ahead of time by the receiving clerk.

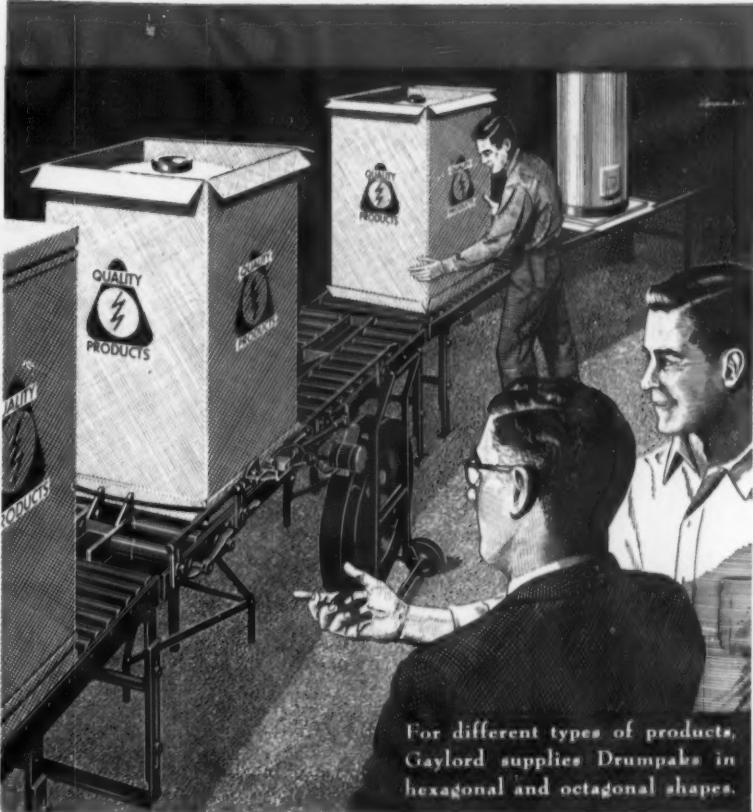
Labels are imprinted on machines which use perforated strips of pre-made labels supplied in large rolls. Complete labels and the process and packaging cards are then placed with the parts to accompany them to pre-packaging.

#### Systematic Pre-Packaging

Packagers have de-coding keys located over their work benches for interpretation of the coded cards. Using the cards as guides, packagers are certain that every item will be properly protected, packaged and identified.

As part of the pre-packaging procedure all parts are thoroughly cleaned by chemical processes. Machined surfaces are dipped to remove any possible rust, rinsed, dipped to remove finger prints, then wrapped in paper impregnated with a volatile corrosion inhibitor. Two types of papers are used by Yale—standard kraft in any of a number of different weights for items not requiring a great deal more than protection against moisture; and creped paper to add cushioning properties and to prevent scratching of parts with critical surfaces.

The size and type container to be used for each part is also specified by the punch-card. In the past when containers were needed, the carpenter shop hammered together a sturdy box. It usually provided all the protection which was needed, but was extremely costly. Studies have revealed that adequate protection could be provided without the excessive over-packaging through use of boxes and cartons of the metal corner stayed type for many parts. Box type and size are specified on the punch card. Now packaging is accomplished at lowest cost and packaged products are stored, handled and shipped safely with a minimum of weight.



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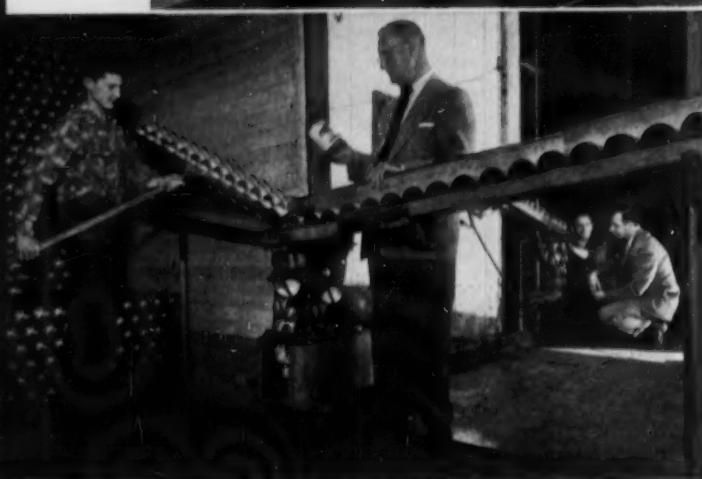
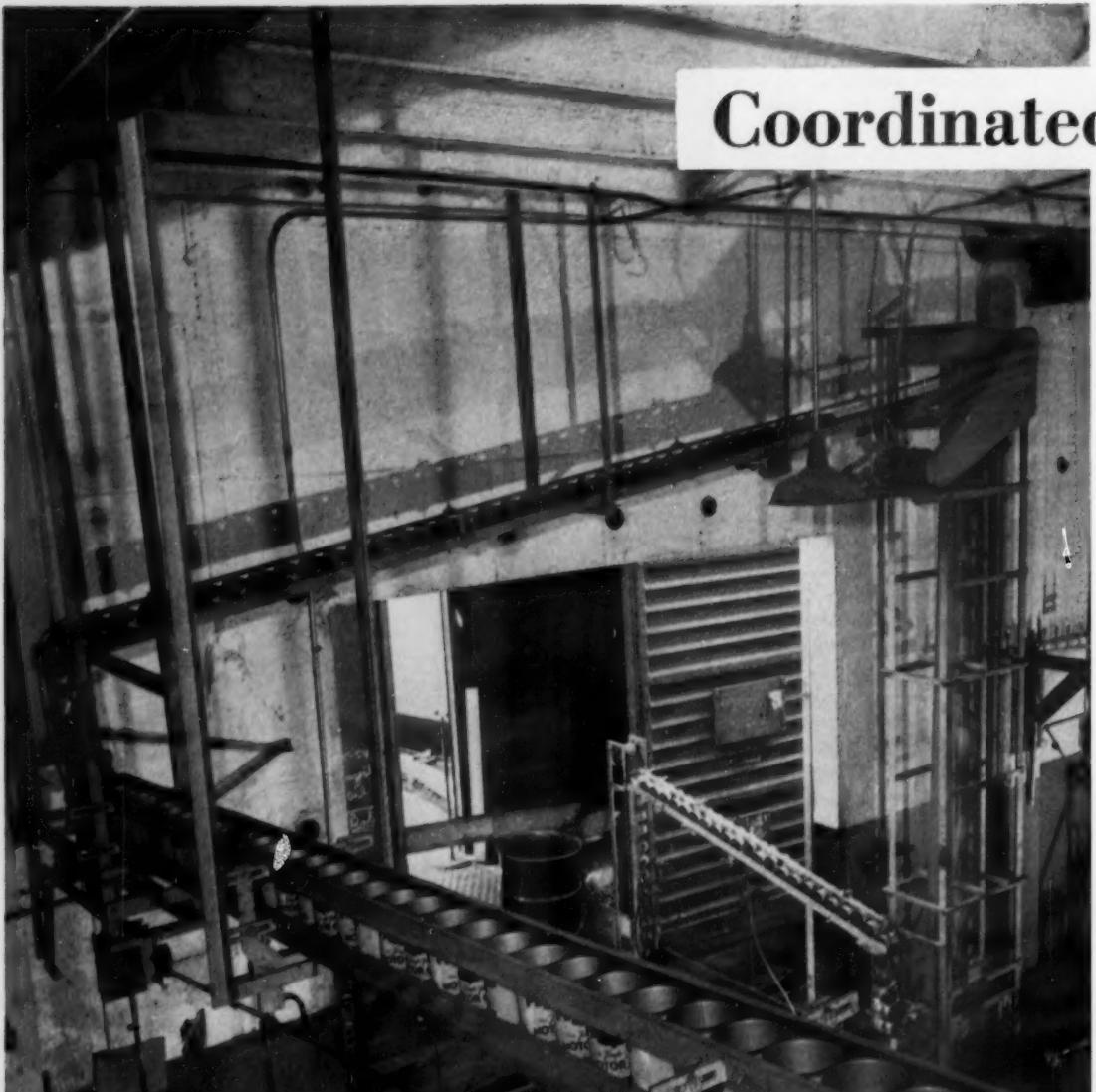
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CAR UNLOADING UNITS (left) are expanding chutes which reach from doorway toward both ends of car. Empty cans are "raked" into chutes which converge into a single line. That line is boosted to a gravity unit that carries cans into building. CAN ELEVATOR near door of building (above) raises cans 10 feet to gravity feed which carries them over door to cable-driven unit and on to packaging at other end of the building.

# Flow--"Secret" of Success

## *...in Cannery Operations*

**Behind every good can conveying system is a story of careful planning to gear together the operations of every packaging machine.**

**S**UCCESSFUL cannery operation under modern conditions requires that cans be moved fast and that they be moved with care. Often more than 500 cans per minute must be moved along without damaging flanges of empty cans and without scratching lithographed outer surfaces both before and after filling. The efficiency of the can conveyor system becomes quickly evident from production costs and from appearance of the finished product.

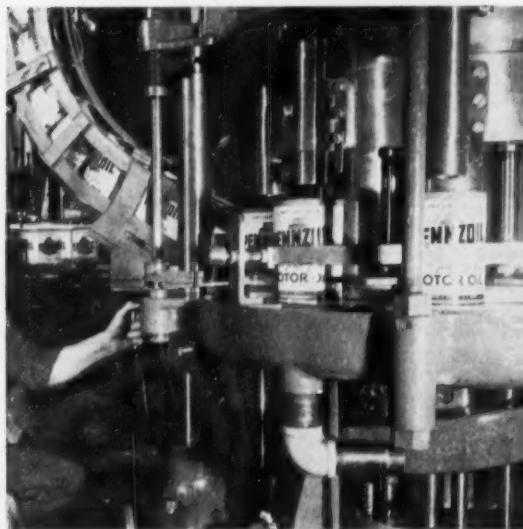
No two can conveyor systems are exactly alike as

each canner has problems that are peculiar to his method and location of operation. Each conveyor system must be tailored to individual needs.

Compounding the problem of moving cans is the physical structure of most canning plants. A great number of today's canners were in business before high-speed can handling became an economic necessity. Any new conveyor systems which they install must be engineered to conform to the existing buildings. Floor space is generally fully occupied by packaging machines and material being packaged. Can conveyor systems of necessity, then, must often be installed overhead.

One company was faced with the following handling sequence when it started to plan a can conveying system: (1) Cans had to be moved from the ground to the sixth floor where they were stored; (2) They were moved to the fourth floor where they were filled, closed and labeled; (3) They were returned to the ground again for packaging and shipping.

To meet such problems engineers make use of elevators, belts, cables, gravity feeds, powered conveyor



**GRAVITY CHUTE** (above) carries cans from end of cable-driven unit, which is 13½-feet high; through series of twists where cans are turned upside down for cleaning; down to a nine-pocket filler machine. After cans have been filled, they move on a table top chain drive conveyor (right) to can closer and seamer. The two machines and conveying equipment leading to and from them are all coordinated with speed of system.



sections, twists, drives and an almost unlimited variety of conveyor accessories to connect each station of a canning system.

#### Motor Oil Plant

One of the neatest conveyor systems to be found anywhere is at the Pennzoil Co., Los Angeles where motor oil is put into quart-size cans for sale at service stations. The can conveyor system actually projects outside the canning plant to pick up empty cans from box cars at an adjacent railroad siding. Each car carries 55,000 to 60,000 cans.

Gravity chutes, adjustable in length, serve as unloading units in a freight car. The chutes extend from the doorway toward each end of the car and cans are "raked" onto them from stacks. The cans roll toward the doorway where the two separate lines converge into a single line which is boosted to a height of five feet from which point gravity carries them into the building. Pitch of the gravity feed is two inches per foot.

Inside the door of the building the empty cans

make a right turn and are elevated 10 feet above the floor. The elevator consists of two parallel belts which squeeze cans between them for lifting. Another gravity conveyor carries them to a cable drive. A drop curve feeds the cans onto the conveyor cable which changes the direction 90 degrees to the left and conveys them to the end of the building opposite the entrance.

When the cable drive ends it is 13½ feet above the floor. A 90-degree twist places the cans on their sides to be conveyed by gravity into the filler. They roll approximately 10 feet and then enter a series of twists. The first twist turns the can upside down so a blast of air can clean out all dust. Another twist and a 32-degree turn places the empty can in position to drop into the nine-pocket filler.

The filler is synchronized with an adjoining can closer and a table top chain drive carries the filled cans from one machine to the other. After cans have been filled they are placed on their sides to be gravity fed into a booster which lifts them into the case packer, gluer and compression unit. Filled cases are then stored or taken to shipping.



CASER receives cans from four chutes and packs them two high in 4 x 4 pattern. Cans were turned on their sides immediately after sealing, then boosted to overhead conveyor which feeds unit that deposits them into chutes. After casing, shipping package rides on roller conveyor (right) to sealer which completes closure of top and bottom simultaneously. Sealer can be seen in background of photo above, beneath and beyond the unit which feeds the four chutes leading to the caser.



*For information and photographs used in this article, FLOW'S thanks to: Five Point Engineering Corp., which designed and installed the system at Pennzoil; and Garret Supply Co., a division of The Garret Corp., which provided gears, bearings, pulleys, sprockets, chains and collars used in system.*



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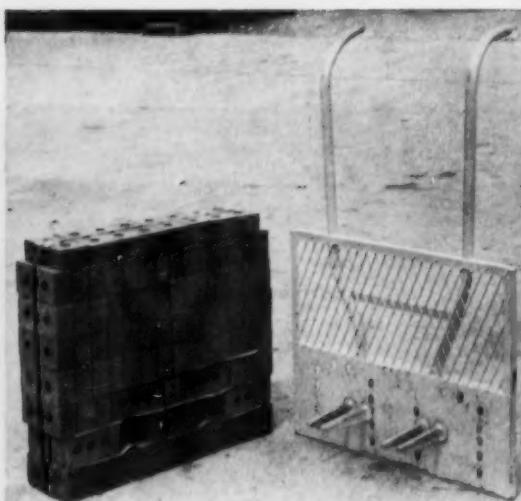
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## PACKAGING AND SHIPPING IDEA *of the month*

### Low-Cost Brick Package



**HAND FORK TRUCK** has numerous keyhole slots to make forks adjustable for use with bricks, concrete blocks or other similar material. Unit load contains 100 bricks and weighs about 440 pounds. One man can handle it anywhere on the job safely and easily.



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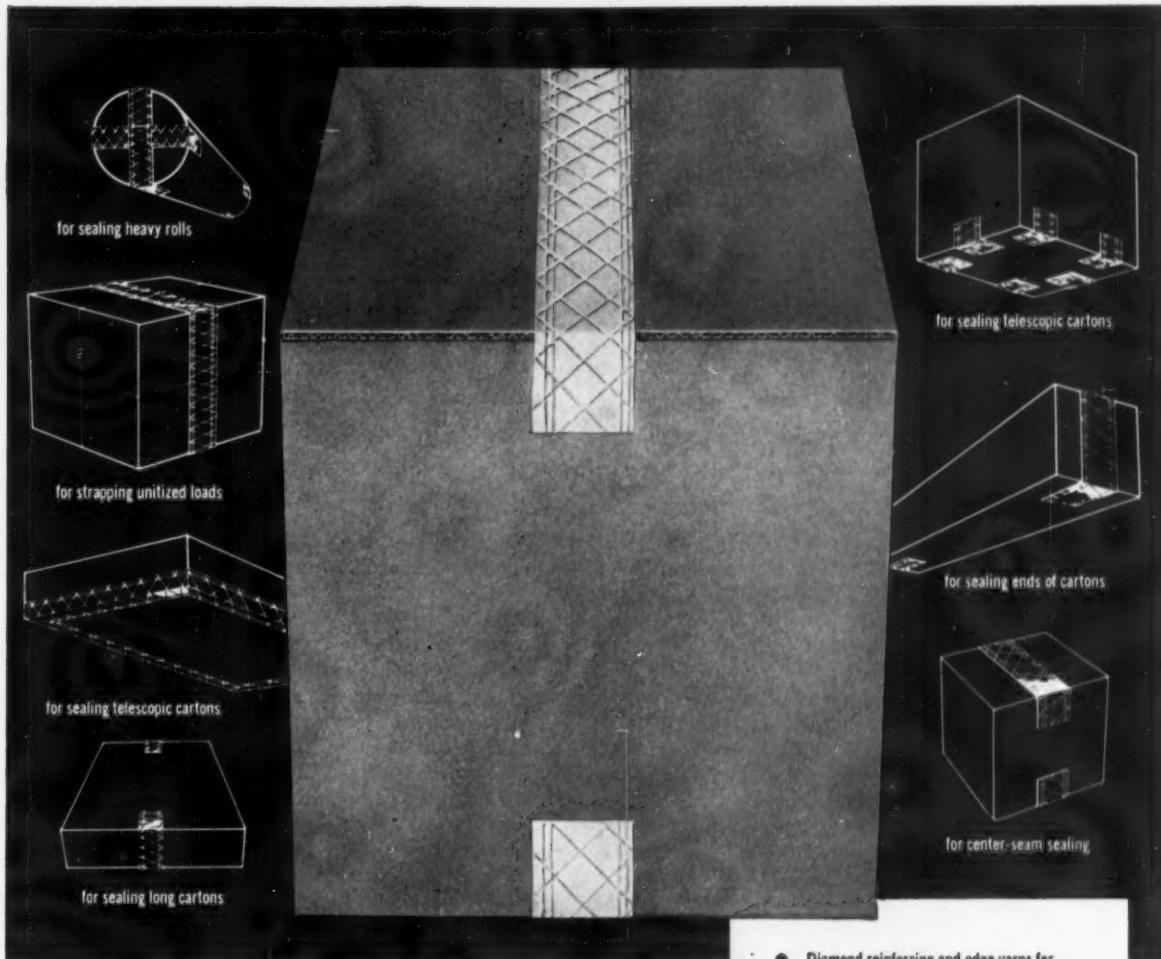
The package is assembled and strapped at the brick-making plant on an inexpensive jig. Three of these units can be handled at a time by a power truck having standard forks and one by the special hand truck on its adjustable forks.

At the site, the same hand truck is used for unloading. Loads are lowered to the ground either by means of a safety tread ramp or on a hydraulically operated tail gate. Still intact they can then be wheeled directly to the point of use.

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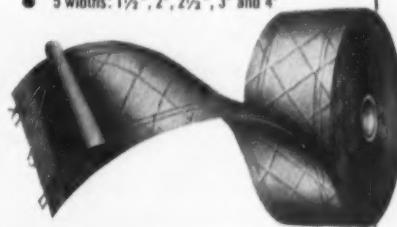
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The pallet loader is neither intended nor recommended for every plant having a packaging operation. Here's a way to answer the question. . . .

## When Is an Automatic Pallet

by G. D. Beaver\*

EVERY plant that produces a high-volume packaged output must have some means of transferring the product from the package sealing machine to the point of shipment or storage. In most plants having more than a minimal output, the individual cartons delivered from the sealing machine are stacked on pallets. By collecting a sizable number of cartons into a unit load on a single pallet, handling becomes more economical. Larger handling volume per trip is possible, storage and inventory are simplified and subsequent handling in shipment is made faster.

Until a few years ago even the most advanced material handling systems used manual labor to take cartons (as they left the sealing machine) and to stack them into predetermined patterns on pallets. Depending upon the production rate of the plant, a crew of from two to 10 men was needed to perform this one palletizing operation. Several years ago the automatic pallet loader was developed to fill the missing links in what were otherwise high automatic, high-speed, economical handling systems.

The pallet loader is what its name implies . . . It is an automatic machine that receives cartons from one or more sealing machines and stacks them on pallets according to a predetermined pattern. As each pallet is loaded it is automatically ejected from the machine and is replaced by an empty pallet. As long as the flow of cartons keeps coming and a supply of empty pal-

lets is maintained, the pallet loader will continue to operate without attention.

The advantages of the automatic pallet loader are substantial. First, it practically eliminates manual handling of cartons after they leave the packaging machine. In a plant having a 25-carton-per-minute output, the savings in manpower often exceed 200 man-hours per shift per week.

Second, the output of the loader is uniform in both quantity and quality. It can handle up to 30 cartons per minute, every minute, without fatigue or slowdown. Breakage of merchandise and damage to cartons are substantially less than with manual handling. Every pallet is stacked uniformly and the load is compact, stable and free from overhang. Consequently, each pallet requires minimum storage space and can be moved without snagging adjoining structures.

Third, by means of a system of collecting conveyors, the output of a number of packaging machines scattered throughout a plant can be palletized at a single point by a single loader. With proper controls a loader can handle the output of packaging equipment that is operating on a partial shift or at sporadic intervals and where a full-time loading crew would be expensive.

### Is A Pallet Loader Justified in Every Plant?

Although the pallet loader is a highly efficient time

\*G. D. Beaver, Manager Pallet Loader  
Division, Lamson Corp., Syracuse, N. Y.



**PALLET LOADER FUNCTION** in any production plant is to palletize the output of the packing and sealing machines. This makes for convenient and rapid handling in warehousing, on the shipping dock and in the vehicle.

It eliminates manual handling after cartons have left packaging machine, provides uniform output in both quantity and quality and is able to palletize the output of a number of packaging units throughout the plant.

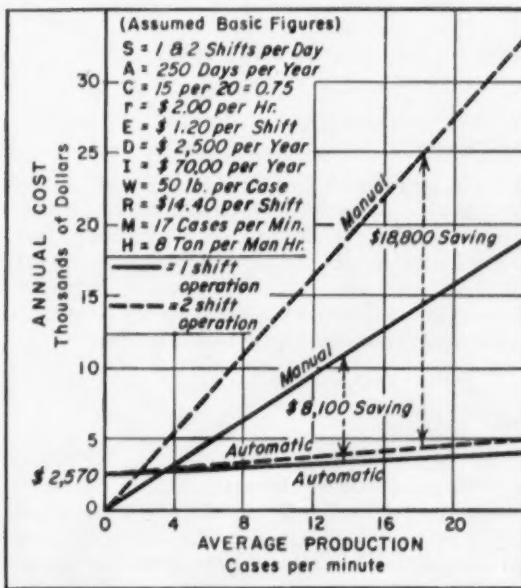
# Loader Justified?

saving machine it is neither intended nor recommended for every plant having a packaging operation. It is a relatively expensive piece of equipment, costing about \$25,000, and may require an additional investment in collecting conveyors and automatic controls.

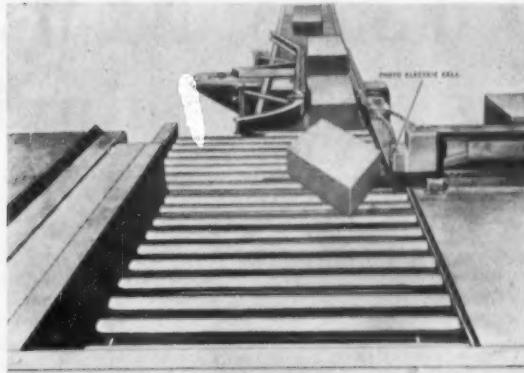
The ultimate justification for installing a pallet loader is not high efficiency, but whether the initial cost of the pallet loader system will be offset by worthwhile savings in plant operations.

F. N. Landon of Sun Oil Co., one of the early users of pallet loaders, has developed an interesting cost analysis that bears closely on this question of economic

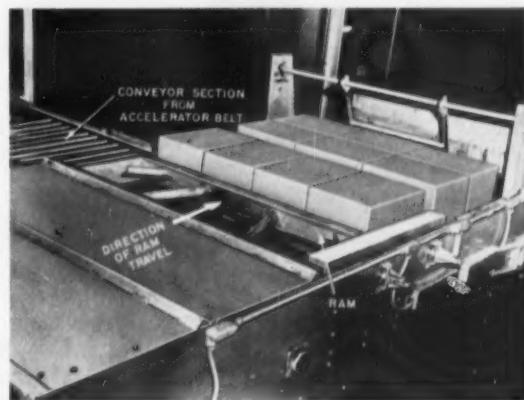
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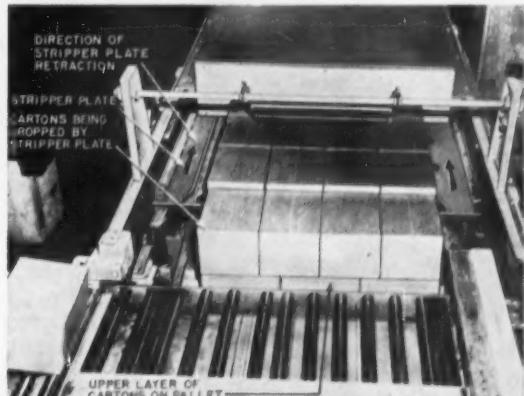
COMPARATIVE COSTS for hand and automatic palletizing on one and two-shift operations under given set of plant conditions. For other conditions, cost is computed by substituting for variables at upper left.



PHOTOELECTRIC CELL counts cartons as they enter pallet loader. It also actuates control mechanisms to place the cartons correctly for desired loading pattern.



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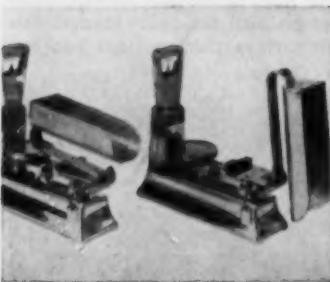
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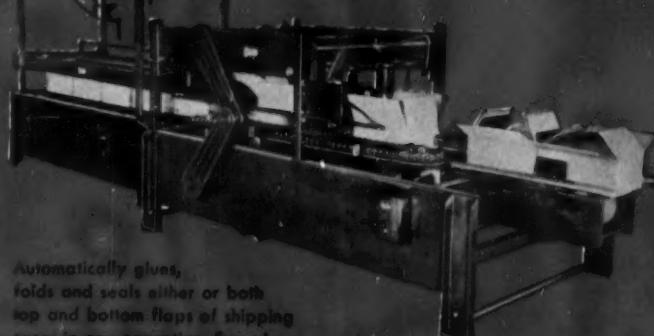
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A reinforcing medium said to combine the economies of round steel strapping wire with the physical characteristics of flat steel strapping has been developed by Renois Tying Machines, Inc. Oval wire strapping is made in a wide range of sizes covering most packaging or general strapping requirements. Machines for applying the wire are available from stock. The manufacturer calls attention to a "no waste" feature of "Step-Gripper" wire tensioning with unused wire being returned to its original coil after tensioning.

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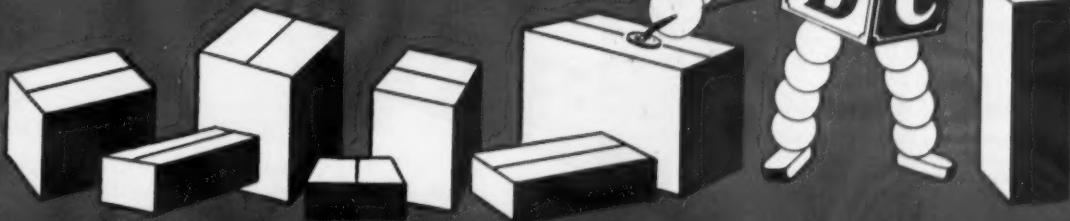
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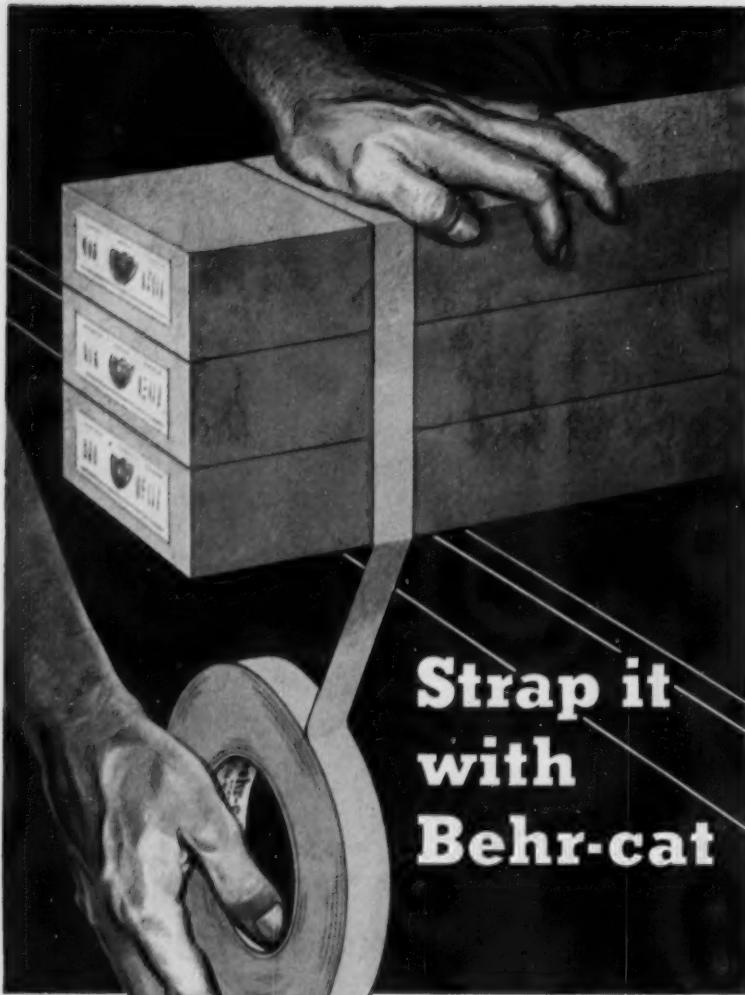
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### Suspended Bag Closers:

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### Strapped Shipments for Safety:

Applications of steel strapping to many types of shipments are illustrated and pictured in a data folder released by Signode Steel Strapping Co. Strapping tools and equipment are also described. The firm offers specific help on particular packaging and shipping problems.

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### Development of Package Design:

Just published by Hinde & Dauch is a booklet designed as a means of package evaluation and an idea source for users of corrugated packaging. It outlines a step-by-step procedure in the development of a package from blueprint to finished box. The 20-page treatise provides, among other valuable information, 60 "tricks of the trade".

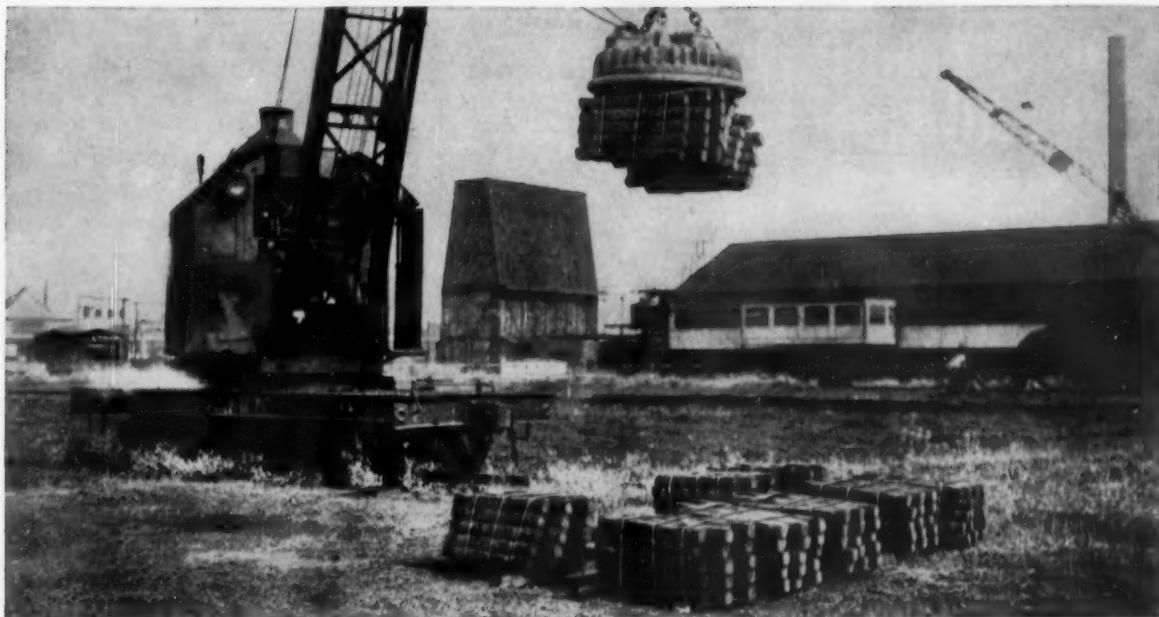
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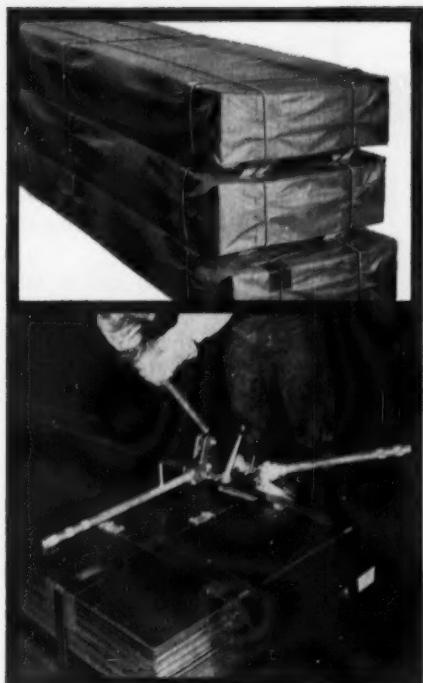
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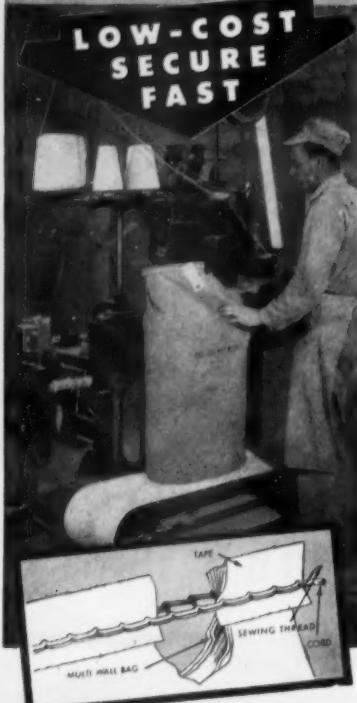
## PALLET LOADERS . . .

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justification. A chart accompanying this article compares the annual cost of pallet stacking by manual labor and by an automatic pallet loader. It is important to note that his figures are based on an assumed plant production rate of about 15 cartons per minute, each weighing 50 pounds and that the average stacking rate of manual handling of these cartons is five and one-third cartons per minute per man.

Two sets of curves are shown; one set compares the cost of manual and automatic operations on a one-shift basis and the other set makes the same comparison for two shifts. It will be noted that the curves intersect at the average production rate of about four cases per minute. This means that below that production rate, manual operations are more economical than automatic pallet loading. In practice, however, the generally accepted production rate at which an

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automatic pallet loader system is considered economically justified is about 15 cartons per minute, because the cost of the entire system must be considered.

Landon's computations indicate a saving of \$8100 per year on a one-shift plant operation averaging 15 cartons produced per minute and a saving of \$18,300 on a two-shift operation producing 17 cartons per minute. These savings are estimated on the basis of the production rates just specified and of the ability of a laborer to handle five and one-third 50-pound cartons per minute. In other plants the savings would be smaller if workers could stack more than five and one-third cartons per minute (as they could if cartons were lighter). On the other hand, savings would be greater if workers were unable to maintain that rate.

Two important generalizations that apply to any processing plant can be made from the curves. First, below a certain production rate, manual pallet loading is more economical. Second, above the break-even point, the cost of manual stacking increases rapidly, whereas the cost of operating the loader increases only slightly.

As an aid to calculating the relative operating cost between manual and automatic palletizing, Landon has developed the following formulas:

#### For Operating the Pallet Loader—

Annual cost in dollars =  $S \times A \times C (1.5r - E) - D - I$

Where:

S = number of shifts worked per day

A = number of days of operation per year

avg. number of cartons per min. of plant production

C = avg. number of cartons stacked by loader per minute.

r = one hour's wages for first-class mechanic for maintenance plus materials

E = cost of 10 hp electricity for one shift

D = annual depreciation cost of equipment, about \$2500

I = annual insurance cost on loader, about \$70

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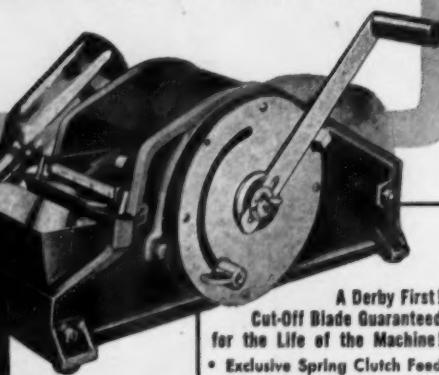
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## PALLET LOADERS

Continued

### For Manual Palletizing—

Annual cost in dollars =  

$$60 \times S \times W \times A \times R \times M$$
  

$$2000 \times H$$

where:

S and A = terms explained in loader cost formula, above  
 W = weight of single carton, in pounds.

R = laborer's daily rate, in dollars

M = maximum number of cartons per min. of plant production (since working force must be staffed to handle peaks)

H = tons of cartons handled per man hour (include stand-by workers hired for relief of regular crew—usually one extra man per crew)

Using the above two formulas and applying production rates and wage scales for a particular plant, a fairly good comparison can be made between the two methods of pallet loading in that plant.

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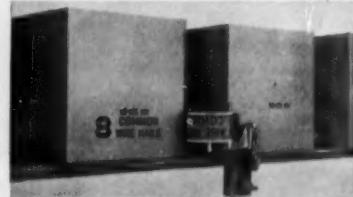
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Comparison of New Package With Old Package

	Fibre Package	Old Package
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Cube Accessory Packs	1500 cu. in.	9120 cu. in.
Packing Labor Shipments per Truckload	6 Man Minutes 80 Units	13 Man Minutes 65 Units

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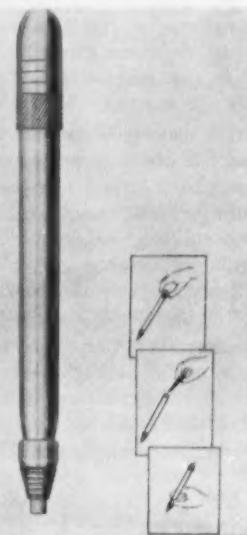
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## PACKAGING & SHIPPING NEW EQUIPMENT . . .

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### Fast, Clean Marking Pen

Feather-Mark, a cartridge fed felt tip marking pen which is said to speed up marking and to eliminate soiled hands, lost time and possible damage from ink smudging is being introduced by Binney & Smith Inc. The company manufactures Crayola Crayons, Staonal Marking Crayons and other art and industrial products. The Feather-Mark fills in 10 seconds without the hands having to touch ink. Speed and cleanliness have been made possible because the pen is filled by sliding in a sealed ink cartridge which automatically opens after it is in the pen.

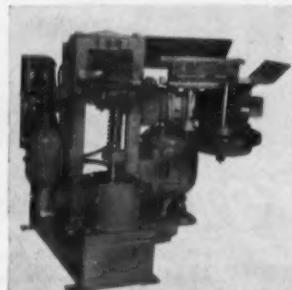


When the felt point is pressed down to write, a valve is released to start the ink flowing. The tip is capable of writing fine, medium-broad or heavy lines at will. Special ink is free-flowing and instant-drying and makes waterproof markings on all surfaces—paper, cardboard, wood, metal, glass, plastic, etc. No cleaner or thinner is required.

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### Compact Box-Forming Machine

The H-S Box Forming Machine, manufactured by Hoague-Sprague Corp., is a semi-automatic unit measuring only 4 x 4 x 4 feet. The machine, already being widely used in the shoe industry, sets up and glues box covers and bases from flat blanks, producing sturdy boxes with double-folded glued ends and sides. It produces approximately 3000 pieces per eight-hour day depending upon size of carton and efficiency of the operator. Changeover time from box to cover or from size to size is not over one minute.



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### Cutter for Flat Strap and Wire

The #503 Strap and Wire Cutter, developed and manufactured by A. J. Gerrard and Co. severs both flat strapping and round wire. A double duty set of cutting blades on the cutter makes it possible to cut flat strapping at the mouth of the tool and round strapping in a second set of cutters near the rear of the cutter head. The unique dual cutting feature is said to make the unit ideal for shipping and receiving rooms. It will cut strap as heavy as  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x .035 or 12-gauge wire. The cutting blades can be re-sharpened.

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### Tube Stitcher

The Model CAA-1244 Young Angle Arm Stitcher has been designed to place stitches parallel to the seam on any tubular package, giving more strength because stitches cannot pull out easily. For hardware, or bolt and nut boxes, etc., which are used to merchandise over the retail counters and which are usually full telescope the stitcher allows for



placing staples vertically. This prevents staples from locking or binding in or against each other in opening and closing. Manufacturer is Diagraph-Bradley Inds., Inc.

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### Heavy Duty Stretcher

The Model 40 Stretcher of the Gerrard Steel Strapping Division of United States Steel Corp. is for use with  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch flat steel strapping in carload, truckload, pallet and unit reinforcement. It has an integrally built-in scrap cut-off shear for speed and safety.

A cock-type strapping gripper provides a positive grip and easy threading. A positive tension lever stop eliminates accidental release of strap tension and a tension handle repositioning button makes for easier tensioning. Weight of tool is 13 lb. 10 oz.

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### Re-styled Sealer Tool

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### Strapping Tape

The availability of Permacel 16 Hi-Tack Strapping Tape in a wide range of colors has been announced by Permacel Tape Corp. Originally available in Transparent only, Permacel 16 is now being marketed in White, Black, Blue, Dark Green, Yellow and Red. A cellulose acetate film, rayon reinforced tape, it is said to have excellent shock resistance, allowing it to withstand breakage caused by rough handling of packages or bundles on which it is used. It is water resistant and is recommended for bundling tubing, wire and rods; for holding telescope box lids, doors, and drawers of refrigerators, stoves, desks, cabinets and other furniture during shipment; for palletizing and unitizing cartons to facilitate material handling.

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### Stencil Ink in Aerosol Dispenser

An instant drying stencil ink, packaged in an aerosol dispenser has been introduced by the D & A Co. Available in black, white, yellow, red or blue colors, and called Quikspray Aerosol Stencil Ink, it is ideal for stenciling on paper, wood, burlap, metal, etc. It may also be used for color coding tools and metal stock, inspection marking and design layout. Depending upon the size of the stencil and the material to be stenciled, from 150 to 200 three-line stencils can be made with a single dispenser. The ink dries instantly, it will not run off or smear. It is waterproof, oilproof, non-flammable, non-toxic and non-flaking.

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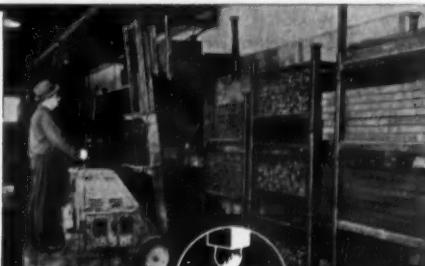
## Packaging 8 Million Xmas Gifts

Operation Poinsettia, a 30 million dollar program for sending eight million Christmas food packages to needy families throughout the world, was set into motion recently by President Eisenhower. It signaled the start of one of the biggest and speediest packaging and shipping operations ever carried out.

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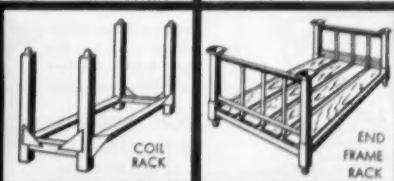


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then, when a man lifts a 50-pound load a height of 5 feet, he's expended 250 foot-pounds of energy.

The point of these remarks concerning high school physics is this: Every unit of matter converted into a salable product represents an expenditure of foot-pounds of energy equal to all the movements required for the manufacture and delivery of the product. That expenditure has as real a price tag as the raw material itself or the labor that goes into the manufacturing process.

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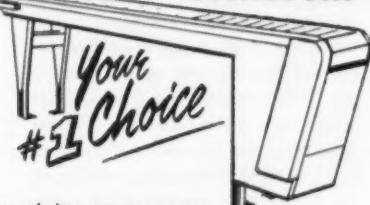
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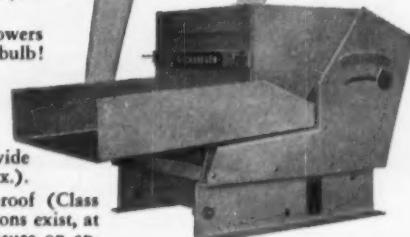
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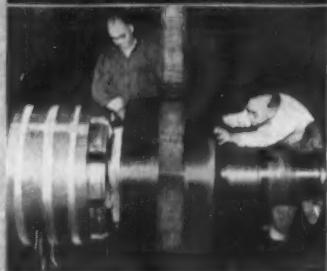
There has been a substantial amount of discussion about the importance of rapid amortization of capital goods, especially machine tools, so that industry can continue to modernize. But the following relationship has not received its due consideration. If we take a company where 30 cents out of every cost dollar represents labor

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cost, only 1/3, or 10 cents, is apt to represent production labor—Measurement and Modification labor. The other 20 cents is, in the main, labor expended on Movement. This is not untypical.

Many, if not most, manufacturing companies can get a greater return for every dollar of capital investment by improving Movement than by improving Measurement and Modification combined. On the basis of the ratio just cited, a 10 percent reduction in the cost of Movement will be the equivalent of a 20 percent reduction in the cost of Modification and Measurement. And although I haven't made detailed comparisons, my own experience tells me I'm on safe ground when I say that, in the average plant, the capital cost of effecting a 10 percent cost reduction in material handling—or Movement—would be considerably smaller than that needed to cut production costs by 20 percent.



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Although the technique of Movement planning and operation is in its infancy, full advantage should at least be taken of the equipment and know-how already available. Too many companies, and especially the smaller companies, are still in a relatively primitive stage of material handling and movement. In the years between now and 1960, my theoretical target date, I doubt if there will be any radical changes in the field of Movement. Rather, we'll probably see the general level of Movement know-how rise to that of the most advanced company today.

In the future, management will look upon Movement as equal in importance to Measurement and Modification. Management will visualize the totality of movements—from supplier to plant, through the plant itself and from the plant to the ultimate point of consumption—rather than as a series of isolated handling problems. And management's plans will be based on that unified outlook.

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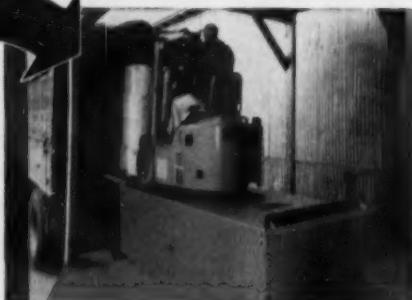


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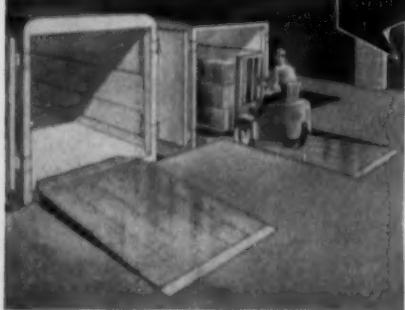


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product and its components, the methods of manufacture and assembly, the type of packaging, the way it is warehoused or stored by dealer or distributor, all affect the energy expended on movement.

### Movement is "Work"

The Movement Manager and his staff will work closely with their opposite numbers in the transportation, engineering-construction and equipment fields on ways and means of solving their company's Movement problems.

Up to this point I've addressed myself to the changes in management's approach and thinking in the years ahead. But what of labor?

One of the basic, long-range goals of civilization is the elimination of work. But before biblical quotations such as "By the sweat of his brow . . ." are flung at me, let me give you my definition of work. Work is any activity that society requires or desires, but which,

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practically speaking, nobody enjoys doing.

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Few men can long look upon the expenditure of their own physical energies for the sheer task of moving matter as a satisfactory means of earning a livelihood. Exertion of brute force may suit an animal, but not a man. Operating a machine to perform movement is another matter entirely. Who of us really enjoy watching men with picks and shovels digging a ditch? But look at the crowds of people watching a man operate a giant shovel or crane!

The integration, mechanization and automation of Movement, then, fall in line with the general progress of civilization towards the elimination of work. Man will be able to serve himself and his community, not by the brute force of his muscles but by the skills of his hands and mind.

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single influence on material handling between now and 1960 is likely to be the renaissance of the philosophy of integration. The "integrated" man is but a few steps removed from the "integrated" management—and the "integrated" plant.

To get back to the Measurement-Modification-Movement analogy, we must work to the day when Movement is accorded the same status as the two other functions. I don't think that day is far away. I believe we're beginning to look at a problem or an object in terms of the whole, rather than in terms of its individual parts. And once management does that, it can't help but realize that Movement—or material handling—deserves more than an occasional second-look from a third vice-president.

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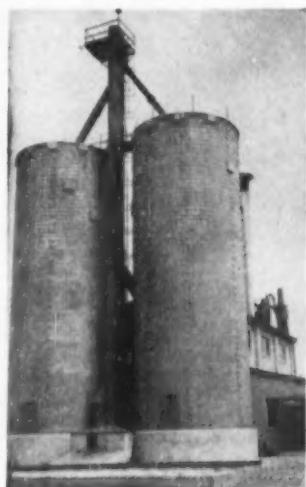
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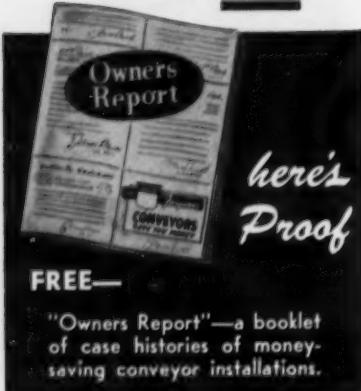
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### 2. Program advantages.

More effective personnel is developed to insure the success of a material handling system—to reduce operations and maintenance cost, to reduce idle man-and-machine-time, to reduce handling time and space in all departments, and to improve plant morale.

### 3. Kind of programs.

Each program will have to be tailored to fit plant conditions. Some phases of training are: training of equipment operators; training of material handlers; achievement of general appreciation for material handling methods, plant layout, standard operating procedures and the like.

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#### 3. Selection of equipment.

After a thorough analysis of the problem, equipment must be selected for the main objectives of reducing cost, increasing capacity, improving working conditions and bettering distribution. Buy equipment for overall savings—not initial cost.

#### 4. Standardization of equipment.

Standardization is important because it permits easier training of operators, the stocking of fewer spare parts, interchangeability of equipment between plants and departments, and more economical purchases. Special equipment should be used only where conditions demand it.

#### 5. Provision for alternates.

Provide alternate methods and equipment in case the best system breaks down.

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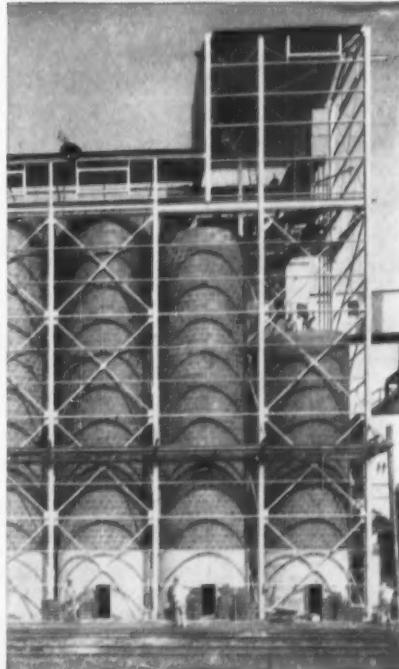
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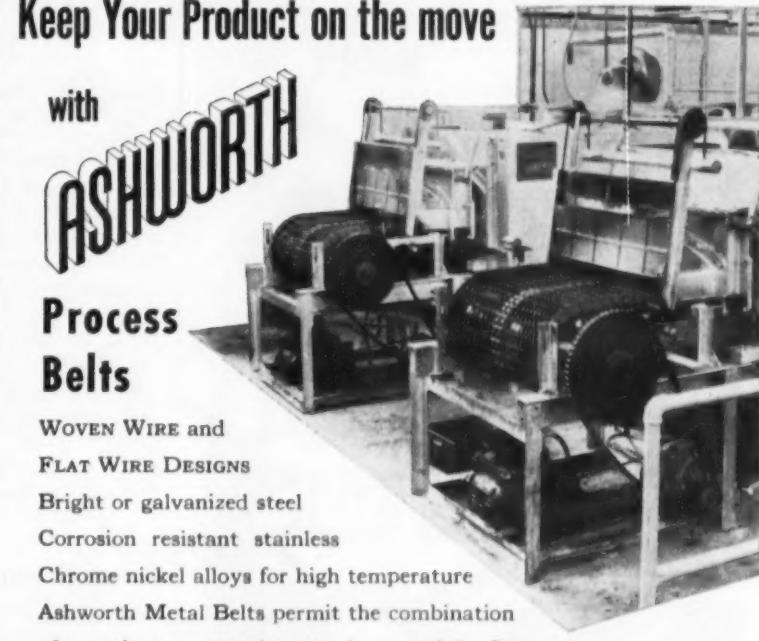
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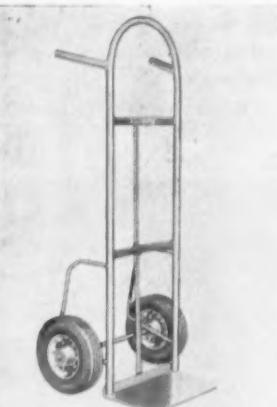
Gerlinger Carrier Company has introduced a 50,000 pound capacity material carrier designed to cut costs and man-hours in handling steel. The unit is available in the swinging shoe model (SC-50) or rigid shoe model (RC-50) in six standard sizes and incorporates many special engineering features for the iron and steel industry.



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### Improved Hand Truck

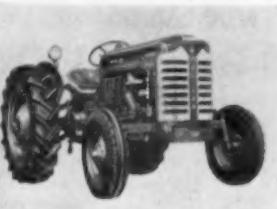
A vastly improved hand truck has been announced by Nutting Truck and Caster Company. The improvement, embodied in the glides, is said to provide easier, safer and better balanced traversal up and down curbs or stairs. Rather than the intermittent raising and lowering of the load as with conventional glides, the new glides permit a smooth slide in a position approximately parallel to the slope of the curbs or stairs. Frame size is 14x47 inches high; open or solid plate noses are available in 5, 7 or 9 inch lengths; and a choice of 6 or 10 inch wheels.



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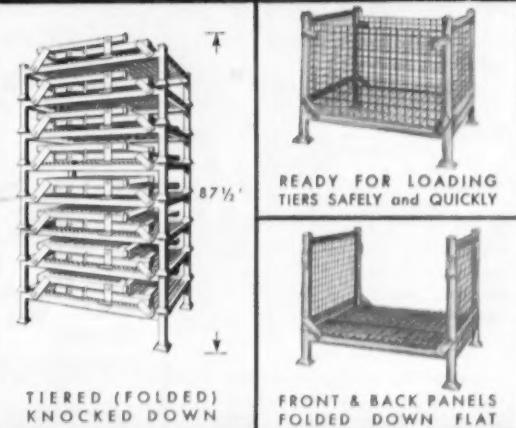
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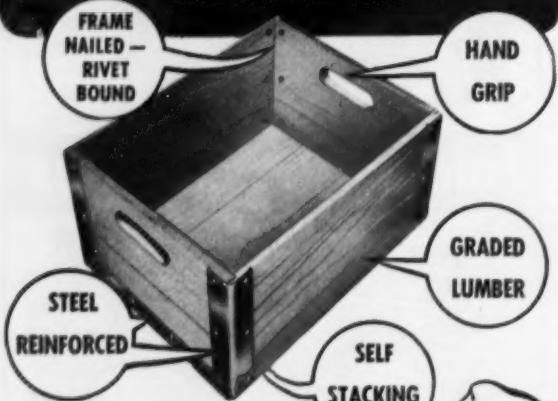
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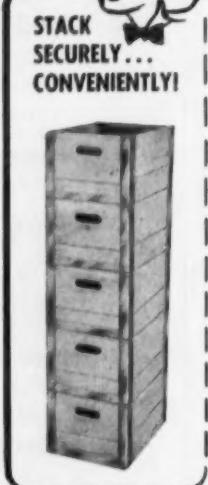
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stacker is placed at a pallet unloading point. As a pallet is emptied, it is placed on a short conveyor piece and rolls into the stacker where it is automatically raised into the magazine.

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### Supermarket Hand Truck

An all-steel "Featherlite" hand truck has been added to the line of equipment manufactured by The Howe Scale Co., Inc. Especially designed for use in supermarkets, the new truck features a folding rack on the top, which is for holding cartons at a convenient working shelf level while opening and price-stamping goods. Wheels are mounted inside the truck frame and the nose plate is of solid heavy gauge steel. It is said to be light and easy to handle.



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### Easy Maintenance

The Model 19-6 Lift-A-Loft is designed for fast, efficient handling of overhead maintenance jobs up to 25 feet high, according to the manufacturer Mitchell Maintenance Co., Inc. Only one man is needed to operate the unit, the rising up and out to the objective in less than 30 seconds. Use of the truck is said to have resulted in substantial labor savings.

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### Improved Shelf Truck

Increased structural strength with a low weight factor has been achieved according to the William Bal Corporation in its improved shelf truck for factory production or stock handling. The basic design, incorporating hard vulcanized fibre, now has reversed-channel steel body bands in lieu of hardwood bands used previously. The greater rigidity obtained is said to eliminate body "sway".

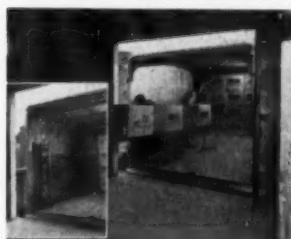


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A portable, telescoping wheel conveyor that opens to any length between 4'4" and 10'2", with no drop in conveyor level, has been developed by



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### Battery Powered Pallet Stacker

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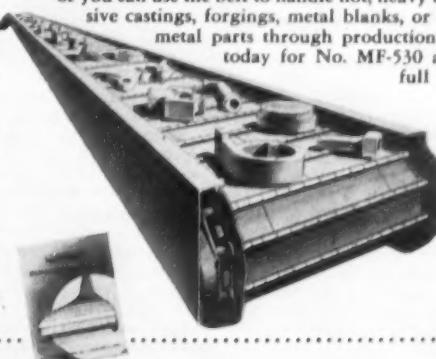
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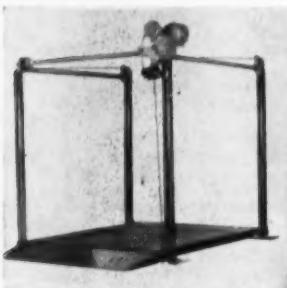
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## Temporary or Permanent Hoist

A platform hoist that requires no ground excavation or special foundation, and which may be placed on upper floors, temporary locations, driveways, or almost any location, is being manufactured by Globe Hoist Company. Called the Electro-Loader, the unit's lifting power is supplied by an electric motor operating a simple cable mechanism which raises the checkered steel plate platform to an above-floor height of 5'10 $\frac{1}{8}$ ", or levels accurately at any intermediate point. It is equipped with adjustable automatic top and bottom limit stops, centrifugal governor and safety brake, plus a slack cable shut-off.

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